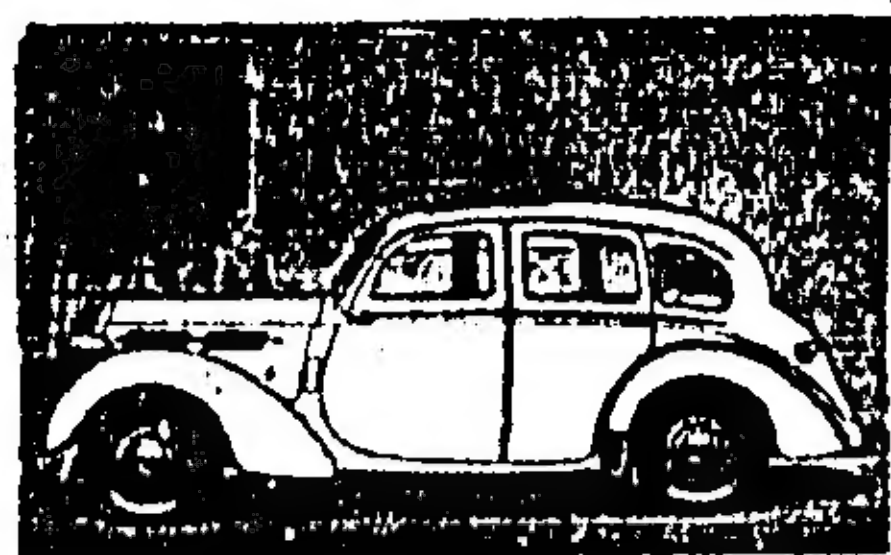


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FRANCE WILL DEFEND HER EMPIRE: BONNET'S WARNING



A section of the large crowd at the races on Saturday.

Obituary

NOTED JAPANESE STATESMAN DIES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.

THE DEATH has occurred of Mr. Hiroshi Saito, former Japanese Ambassador to the United States, at the age of 52.—*Reuter.*

Mr. Saito was Japanese Ambassador to Washington from 1934 until last year.

AUDACIOUS LEAFLET

Copy Of Kuling Warning In H.K.

PROBABLY THE most astonishing and audacious leaflet yet distributed by the Japanese military forces during the Sino-Japanese conflict was that which on January 19, three days after the Japanese had bombed the mountain with high explosives, the document, printed in English, was remarkable, both for its grammatical construction, and its "terms".

In it, the Japanese alleged that the army and navy authorities, in conjunction with third Powers, had agreed that henceforth foreigners in Kuling had forfeited their nationality; that they were regarded as sympathizers of the Chiang Kai-shek regime, and therefore would have to take the consequences of a Japanese offensive against Kuling.

The leaflet, however, tells its own story more effectively, the following being a copy recently received in Hongkong from a Kuling resident: "TO ALL FOREIGNERS"

REMAINING AT LUSHAN

"Despite the warning during the campaign for the attack of Lushan that the army has requested you often to come down the mountain in anticipation of your being endangered, you failed to listen to our sincere warning remaining there, and rather dared to show the attitude of supporting the enemy side.

"It has been decided at the conference between the army and navy and the third Power authorities on December 6, 1938, at Kuling that you be regarded to have separated from your respective nationality and have united yourselves with the Chiang Kai-shek regime. The army, will before long, launch a complete offensive operation against the remnants around the Lushan area.

"IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED"

"That the army assumes no responsibility hereafter for a serious danger which might be inflicted on you in connection with this operation.
"January 16, 1939. On behalf of the Imperial Japanese Army.
Although the leaflet was dated January 16, it was not showered upon

He had a distinguished career. Graduating at the Law College of Tokyo Imperial University, he entered the diplomatic service and became an Attaché at Washington in 1910. He was third secretary to the Japanese Embassy in London in 1918, and a member of the suite to the delegation to the Peace Conference at Paris in 1919.

He became second secretary at the London Embassy, and attended the first League of Nations Assembly at Geneva in 1920.

The following year he was appointed Consul at Seattle, and in 1923 he became Consul-General in New York.

In 1930 he was Counsellor at the London Embassy, having served as director of the Information Bureau in the Foreign Office in 1929.

He was Minister to the Netherlands for some time, and then, in 1934, was appointed Ambassador to Washington.

RIOTING IN MEXICO

43 Killed In La Palma Fighting

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 26.

FORTY-THREE are reported to have been killed in a clash between Federal troops and a band of 100 well-armed marauders at La Palma in the Sinaloa State.

The death toll comprised three Federal officers, ten soldiers, and thirty marauders, the remaining bandits dispersing in the neighbouring mountains.

An unconfirmed report says that General Monchaca, chief of the Federal troops in charge of the operations was also killed.

The movement is stated to be isolated, and was in no way organized.—*Reuter.*

Two special M.G.M. productions will be screened at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres as follows: "The Great Waltz" commencing on March 4, and "Citadel" on March 17.

Australia Repeals Health Legislation TO PAY FOR WAR!

SYDNEY, Feb. 26.

ACCORDING TO the "Sydney Morning Herald," the Federal Cabinet has decided to repeal the National Insurance Act owing to the high cost of Australia's defence programme.

The Act came into force last summer and provided for medical benefits under a contributory scheme which it was estimated, would cost the Government nearly £2,000,000 in the first four years.—*Reuter.*

DRINK AND TOBACCO TABOO

'Luxuries,' Say Nazis

BERLIN, Feb. 26.

GERMANY'S YOUNG PEOPLE are expected to "go dry", although there is no question of prohibition being introduced to the country, according to a "Trans-Ocean" report.

A campaign is now in progress for the purpose of fighting immediate use of alcohol and tobacco, and in reply to queries whether this campaign is aimed at the establishment of prohibition in Germany, a statement has been issued by the Reich Public Health Board pointing out that in 1938, Germany spent seven milliard reichsmarks on alcohol and tobacco.

The consumption of these two commodities increases from year to year, and is accompanied by a corresponding increase of damage caused by misuse of the two luxuries.

Such a course of development must be checked, says the statement, unless, in an irresponsible manner, public health is to be jeopardised.

There is no question of any obligation for total abstinence, or of the establishment of prohibition in Germany.

The principles advocated against the misuse of alcohol and tobacco leaves the healthy adult free to live moderately or abstemiously.

Youth, however, is expected to refrain from the use of alcohol and tobacco.

At the forthcoming Reich congress, it is intended to inaugurate popular discussion on these problems with the object of putting a stop in due course to any increase in the consumption of these injurious luxuries.—*Trans-Ocean.*

NORMA SHEARER IMPROVING

Hollywood, Feb. 26.

Norma Shearer, who is ill, is reported to be much improved today. Her temperature was down to 100, and she had a better night.—*Reuter.*

Downing Street Skirmish

PARIS, Feb. 26.

"WE WILL NOT permit anyone to touch our Empire built with the blood and labour of Frenchmen. We will maintain our sovereignty and territory intact."

These words were spoken by M. Georges Bonnet in a speech at Gourdon to-day, when he explained that recognition of the Franco-Government was necessary because France wanted neighbourly relations with Spain. She wished to re-establish commercial relations with her, and did not wish to have a new frontier to defend.

M. Bonnet said that at the same time as Franco-German relations were improving, Anglo-French relations were becoming increasingly close, and the recent speeches of Viscount Halifax and Mr. Chamberlain showed the whole world the complete solidarity of Britain and France.—*Reuter.*

LONDON DEMONSTRATION

London, Feb. 26.

The British decision to recognise General Franco, which is expected to be announced to-morrow, had a hysterical sequel at Whitehall this afternoon.

A demonstration of protest against the Government's action, held in Trafalgar Square, was addressed by Mr. Clement Attlee, Mr. Herbert Morrison and Miss Ellen Wilkinson, and interrupted by protagonists of the Popular Front.

A resolution was passed viewing the Government's policy "with shame and abhorrence".

The crowd desired to march to Downing Street, but Mr. Attlee and Mr. Morrison and other leaders took the resolution to No. 10 Downing Street by taxi.

The Labour crowd followed on foot, shouting slogans.

Upon arrival they found the entrance to Downing Street guarded by mounted police.

There was nothing more serious than one small skirmish between the police and a group of demonstrators waving Spanish flags.—*Reuter.*

ITALY SEEKS SUPPORT FROM POLAND

Warsaw, Feb. 26.

Count Ciano had a conversation with Colonel Beck this afternoon.

Reports that Count Ciano pressed for a definition of the Polish attitude towards Italian claims against France lend special interest to Colonel Beck's speech last night, which is interpreted as a hint that Poland has no intention of giving tacit support to a policy which might injure the interests of her French ally.

Colonel Beck would doubtless like to obtain a clear statement of Signor Mussolini's attitude towards the extension of Germany's commercial and political influence in south-east Europe, since Poland was disappointed by the failure of the Italo-German arbitration to award Ruthenia to Hungary, which would have created a Polish-Hungarian frontier.

Polish circles regard the present frontier as a potential source of trouble, and the centre of anti-Polish Ukrainian propaganda.—*Reuter.*

U.S. DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

Berlin, Feb. 26.

Political circles welcome the appointment of Mr. Raymond Geis, first secretary at the American Embassy, to the post of Charge d'Affaires, replacing the late Mr. Prentiss Gilbert.

It is emphasised that Mr. Geis, who has been in Berlin for eight years, enjoys the best personal relations with German official circles, and it is assumed that he will work for a German-American agreement.—*Reuter.*

RODE THREE WINNERS AT VALLEY



C. ENCARNACAO, who rode three winners at the opening day of the Annual Race meeting at Happy Valley.—*Staff Photographer.*

Shanghai Tension

NANKING'S "SILENT" DECLARATION OF WAR

Japanese Circle Settlement With "Live" Barbed-Wire

TOKYO, Feb. 26.

"WE CANNOT but announce a silent declaration of war against the Shanghai International Settlement, and British and French vessels which are nothing but an extension of the Settlement in assisting the Chiang Kai-shek regime with the Yangtze as a base," declares a statement issued by the Japanese-sponsored Nanking Government, according to the "Domei News Agency."

JAPANESE TERRIFIC AIR LOSS

OHUNGKING, Feb. 27.

REVEALING THE TREMENDOUS strain on the Japanese Air Force, a spokesman of the Chinese Air Force in an inter- view with the Central News disclosed that since the begin- ning of the war, the total num- ber of Japanese planes shot down, destroyed, severely dam- aged, or otherwise lost reached the high figure of 1,010 up to the end of last year.

This figure, he said, represents a monthly loss of more than 80 planes throughout the eighteen months since the start of hostilities in July, 1937.

With the opening of the current year, the Japanese air force has further suffered the loss of 24 planes, including fifteen heavy bombers of the latest type recently bought from Europe, bringing the grand total to more than 1,030 machines.

For the above figure an exaggerated estimate, the spokesman pointed out. As a matter of fact, the number tallies with that announced by the Japanese Air Force headquarters on January 20 last themselves, which stated that 110 military and naval planes were lost and 300 more were damaged and rendered unfit for service during the period.

221 SHOT DOWN

Analysing this figure, the spokesman revealed that of the total of 1,010 machines lost to the Japanese,

The statement announces that the Nanking Government has detailed troops and militiamen round the Settlement as a "precautionary measure against further outbreaks of terrorist demonstrations."

It adds: "We won't hesitate to brand British and French vessels and the International Settlement as an enemy if Britain and France don't consider a change in the attitude of assisting the Chiang Kai-shek regime."

Meanwhile, the Japanese authorities in Shanghai are apparently dissatisfied with what they describe as the Japanese measures of the Municipal Council, and the Council's reply to the Japanese requests.—*Reuter.*

SETTLEMENT BESIEGED

Tientsin, Feb. 26.

Japanese troops during the past few days have been hurriedly erecting barricades and installing live electric wires round the British and French Concessions here.

Exits from the Concessions, through which communication is now allowed, could be closed at a moment's notice.—*Reuter.*

221 were shot down by the Chinese air force in mid-air, 170 were destroyed by the Chinese air force on the ground, 83 were shot down by Chinese anti-aircraft guns during raids, 107 were destroyed by Chinese land troops, 110 were destroyed by Chinese artillery, 19 were forced down behind Chinese lines, 27 were damaged, forced down and reported still missing, and 303 were lost in mishaps and accidents.

The spokesman said that the number of accidents estimated, namely 383, is an under- rather than an over-estimation.—*Central News.*

PALESTINE PLAN: JEW DELEGATION WON'T AGREE

LONDON, Feb. 26.

THE EXECUTIVE of the Jewish Agency has decided to reject the British plan for the pacification of Palestine.

The proposals, which the British Government will submit to the Palestine conference to-morrow are understood to have been considered at a prolonged meeting of the Arab delegates last night.

The main feature of the proposals, it is understood, will be the suggestion of a round table conference to be held in the autumn on the lines of the round table conferences which preceded the new constitutions in India and Egypt, and invitations to the conference will be issued by the King on behalf of the Government, not only to political representatives of Palestine and Britain, but also to constitutional experts.

It is suggested that the British representation also include members of the opposition parties, in order to place the future Palestine policy above party politics.

It is believed that British Government has expressed the desire to see self-government established in Palestine, although it has clearly indicated that it does not favour immediate establishment.

Subjects for discussion at the conference would doubtless include not only those on which agreement has been found impossible during the present talks, but also on the question of a treaty with Britain providing safeguards for British interests in Palestine, and for the various communities.

Meanwhile, it is understood that it is proposed to extend the advisory and executive councils to include unofficial members, both Jew and Arab, nominated by the High Commissioner. Unofficial members of the executive council, whose title

LATEST

Japanese Lodge Second Protest

Shanghai, Feb. 27.

It was understood that the Municipal Council's reply to the first Japanese protest which was handed to Consul-General Miura by Chairman C. S. Franklin of the Council on Saturday failing to satisfy them, the Japanese military, naval and consular authorities, following another emergency conference aboard the flagship Idzumo, flagship of the Japanese Fleet in China Waters, have decided to lodge a second protest with the Municipal Council.

It is pointed out that the Japanese authorities were still maintaining the attitude of co-operation with the Municipal Council in principle. In the event, however, the latter definitely fails to show "good faith" in dealing with the present situation, they are prepared to proceed with "effective and adequate" measures by taking an "independent and positive" attitude.

Sunday's emergency conference aboard the Idzumo, flagship of the Japanese Fleet in China Waters, was attended by Vice-Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Fleet in China Waters, Mr. Yoshiki Miura, Japanese Consul-General, and other military, naval and consular officials.—*Domei.*

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may be altered to the Council of Ministers; may be Minister without portfolio.

Enquiries in conference circles suggest the immediate formation of an independent State in Palestine, and possibly suggest the immediate formation of a round table conference from delegates already in London to discuss particularly safeguards for British interests and the communities in Palestine.—*Reuter.*

PREMATURE REJOICING

Jerusalem, Feb. 26.

As a result of rumours that the British Government had accepted the Arab demand for an independent Palestine, and that an independent

ONLY ONE KILT AT SCOTTISH SHOW

THE only kilt at the private view recently of the Scottish Art Exhibition, at the Royal Academy, was in a frame.

The laird had for the occasion changed into morning coat, lavender grey waistcoat, and a pair of spats, said "How d'you do?" and did the social round on the edge of the gilt frames as the English do once a year.

The only Glenarry present was a satin one with a bunch of espreys in it.

There was a time—two hundred years ago—when the chieftain was so proud of his tartan he even wrapped his feet in it.

The full Highland dress, in a glass case, had light-fitting trousers with tartan socks and shoes all in one.

There is a picture, painted in 1865, of the first kilt, rather like a shrunken petticoat, and a picture of the original goffer. It is William St. Clair, of Roslin, captain of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, driving off on the links with a thistle at his heel.

He wore black velvet knee breeches, a red hunting coat, bows of ribbon above his ears, and his club looked like a long-handled horse-key stick. His golf ball is numbered for identification purposes.

RUBY GARLANDS

There is the whole history of Scottish dress in the exhibition from the early days when kilts were garlanded with rubies round the waist and the blade of the dirk was sharp to the dread of '80's when the tartan was a dressing-gown and the chieftain wore a white cloth like an iceberg round his head.

Nearly all the portraits are of men—they seem to have possessed all the beauty and vanity of the period.

There is a piece of embroidery worked by Mary Queen of Scots that is no better than the rest but does a bigger crowd; an evening gown that Prince Charles once dined with; and a still-life of grouse and fruit.

Compensation for British Firms in China

London.

A CONSIDERABLE number of questions dealing with the Far East were asked in the House of Commons recently. The question of claims for compensation received from British firms in China was raised by Sir Charles Cawzer, as follows:—

Sir Charles Cawzer asked the Prime Minister the number and the extent of claims for compensation received from British firms in China in respect of destruction of their property by Japanese military action?

Mr. Butler: Nearly 300 claims for amounts totalling over £230,000, on account of destruction, confiscation, damage or looting, have so far been accepted as admissible and have been presented to the Japanese Government.

Sir C. Cawzer: Can my right hon. Friend hold out any hope of an early settlement of these claims?

Mr. Butler: My hon. Friend will be aware that claims of this kind are usually settled at the end of hostilities.

Sir Henry Morris-Jones: Can my right hon. Friend give the approximate total cost of the damage sustained?

Mr. Butler: I cannot do more than give the amount of the claims.

Mr. A. V. Alexander: What reply has been received from the Japanese Government?

Mr. Butler: Their receipt has been acknowledged by the Japanese Government.

Mr. Thorne: Is it not true that the Japanese have made a declaration that they will not pay compensation for damaged property?

Mr. Butler: I should not like to accept such a general statement.

There were also a number of questions dealing with Japanese interference with legitimate British trade interests.

Commander Marsden asked the Prime Minister under what rule of international law the Japanese Government are taking action to prevent British vessels from using the Pearl River as the natural means of approach to the British concession at Shanghai?

Mr. Butler: The Japanese allege that they are conducting military operations which would be impeded by the movements of third-party shipping.

Commander Marsden asked the Prime Minister whether he has received any statement from the Japanese Government on the question of the reopening of the Yangtze River, and the inland waterways of the Yangtze basin to foreign shipping?

Mr. Butler: No statement has been received from the Japanese Government on this subject subsequent to their note of 14th November, 1938. Further evidence of Japanese trading on the Yangtze was communicated to the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs by His Majesty's Ambassador in Tokyo on 14th January last.

Commander Marsden: In view of the fact that the Japanese are trading on the river and are advertising for passengers and goods for transport, will my right hon. Friend see that our ships have the same privileges?

Mr. Butler: That is the reason for the evidence submitted by His Majesty's Ambassador.

Mr. Alexander: Are we to understand that the Government acquiesce in the holding up of British shipping; and are they going to do nothing more about it?

Mr. Butler: No, Sir.

Mr. A. Henderson asked the Prime

Woman Wins Art Prize

Sydney.

For the first time in history the Archibald Prize, recognised as the garden of Australian art, has been won by a woman. She is Miss Nora Heyes, daughter of Hans Heyes, one of Australia's greatest landscape painters.

The Archibald Prize is worth about £450. In winning it, Miss Heyes defeated some of Australia's leading portrait painters.

The portrait she submitted was of Madame Elink Schuurmann, wife of the Consul-General for the Netherlands.

Miss Heyes, who recently returned from London, was not formerly well-known as a portrait painter, but was regarded as an eminent exponent of still-life, especially flowers and fruit.

Mortgage Runs 138 Years

Dallas, Pa.

Attorneys have discovered an unsettled, 138-year-old mortgage on 120 acres now occupied by the College of Misericordia here which calls for an annual payment of 90 bushels of wheat. College officials are seeking to trace the heirs of the mortgagor to obtain clear title to the land.



St. Moritz, famed summer and winter resort of the Swiss Alps, brings many noted persons together from throughout the world. A recent visitor there was Dr. Milan Stojadinovich, Premier of Yugoslavia, shown as he surveyed the winter activities.

WATER IN LONDON'S A.R.P. TRENCHES

THERE was 5ft. 6ins. of muddy water in A.R.P. trenches on Primrose Hill, N.W., recently forty days after the Home Office circular to local authorities asking them to make trenches permanent by steel and concrete reconstruction.

Gracie's 'No' To 4 Shows A Day

Los Angeles, Calif.

Gracie Fields, who left Hollywood for England recently, was asked by Twentieth Century Films to appear on the New York stage for one week.

And Gracie was willing—on conditions.

"They are asking me to do four shows daily," she said "but if New York audiences want to see what I can do, I must give 'em my whole bag of tricks and two shows a day will be enough."

Gracie added that Mr. Daryl Zanuck wanted her to stay in Hollywood, but she was determined to make her next two films in England. Then, if her contract was continued, she might agree to work in Hollywood.

"I'm afraid if I came here for good, Hollywood might make me half and half and use the wrong halves," she said. "Maybe later they'll get to know me better; in fact they're beginning to now."

"A few weeks back I felt it was useless to do splits and cartwheels for American applause. But now, if they'll let me do my job in my own way, I'll get 'em to like me as well as English folks do."

He Guarded Windsor Castle

Inspector Edmund Dear retired recently from his post as Metropolitan police chief at Windsor Castle. He was formerly personal detective to the Duke of Windsor and was one of the few who knew beforehand that the Duke was to abdicate.

Inspector Dear served twenty-six years in the force and was appointed to Windsor Castle in 1934.

Sucked Under By Tons Of Sand In A Mixer

WITH a doctor standing by, a gang of men worked desperately at Greenford, Middlesex, recently, to rescue a fellow-workman who was buried in 18 tons of sand in a mixer.

The drama was at the works of the Rockware Glass Syndicate, Ltd.

When, after an hour's work, the man was reached, he was dead. He was Richard Martindale, aged 32, of Wellington-road, Roxeth, Hurrell.

He was in charge of mixing the materials for the night shift work.

"NOT A CHANCE"

In the factory vast quantities of very fine sand and other materials are poured into the mixers through a gigantic funnel, sometimes the narrow neck of the funnel checks the flow.

Usually when this occurs the man in charge frees it with a long pole; sometimes, however, if he thinks he can make it flow more easily he jumps on the sand in the mouth of the hopper.

That is what Martindale did but a second before his feet touched the sand, the sand freed itself and started

to flow. As Martindale landed the sand sucked him down and he was buried in it.

CHECKING FLOW

Men rushed from all parts of the building and started to dig frantically.

"It was only the smallest chance that cost Martindale his life," said one of his mates. "By an extraordinary coincidence the sand started to flow as Martindale jumped. It was as though he was going down in quicksand. He did not stand a chance."

Imports Wild Geese

Willows, Cal.

Thirty wild geese, of half a dozen different varieties, which took refuge on the Spaulding wildfowl refuge after being wounded by hunters, have been shipped to Peter Scott, British ornithologist, who asked that 80 such birds be sent him, if possible.

Modern Toys "Too Perfect"

Your children probably play with mechanically-perfect toys, realistic dolls, and teddy-bears. But are they as happy and carefree as you were with less elaborate things to amuse you?

Miss Ethel Strudwick, headmistress of St. Paul's Girls' School, who describes herself as "a thoroughly old-fashioned woman" thinks not.

Speaking at the Public Health Conference in London recently, she said:

"When I think of an old carpenter's bench in the corner of my father's studio on which was perched a doll's house consisting of a wooden box on end, I wonder whether this newfound passion for giving children baby dolls exactly like the real thing, or teddy-bears all glorified with plush, is really making them happier than did the old make-believe toys which left so much to the imagination."

THIS REALISTIC AGE

Miss L. H. Crocker, of the Pioneer Health Centre, Peckham, commenting to the *New Chronicle* on this statement admitted its truth, but added:

"Miss Strudwick's statement is no argument against a realistic doll. When she was a child she probably had some lovely toys herself, but she remembers only those most familiar to her and those she used for her own imaginative purposes."

"We live in an age of skill, so the child of this age must have technically perfect toys or be separated from the reality of his environment."

Miss Strudwick, asked to reply to this, observed:

"I had not lovely toys, and did not miss them. It is a great pity that the children of to-day do not live in a simpler age, for their own sakes, poor things!"

"I notice that children who are simply brought up to know the real pleasures of fresh air and the open country are much happier than those who live in nurseries crowded with elaborate mechanical toys."

Girl Dances Till 2 a.m. To Pass Exams.

Stanley, Co. Durham.

Few people can hope to win one open scholarship at Oxford or Cambridge, but Joan Charlton, 18-years-old daughter of a Stanley colliery clerk, has just won two—one at each University.

And on the eve of both examinations she danced until two in the morning.

"Swotting before examinations is dangerous," she said. "When I was younger I used to get very nervous, but now I always go and dance the night before."

It was Joan's first attempt to win a scholarship.

"Rod" Turns Into Snake

Cookstown, Australia.

Bitten on the foot by a snake, William Howard reached down for a stick with which to kill it, but the "stick" turned out to be another snake, which bit him on the arm. Prompt medical attention saved Howard.



If

I had done as I was told—I wouldn't have this nasty cold!

Give me



ASPIRIN



Concrete Mixers Taxed

Cleveland, O.

All owners of concrete mixers and tar spreaders here now must take out automobile licenses. It was announced by Chief Police Prosecutor Gerald Piliot. The licenses cost \$200 and \$300.

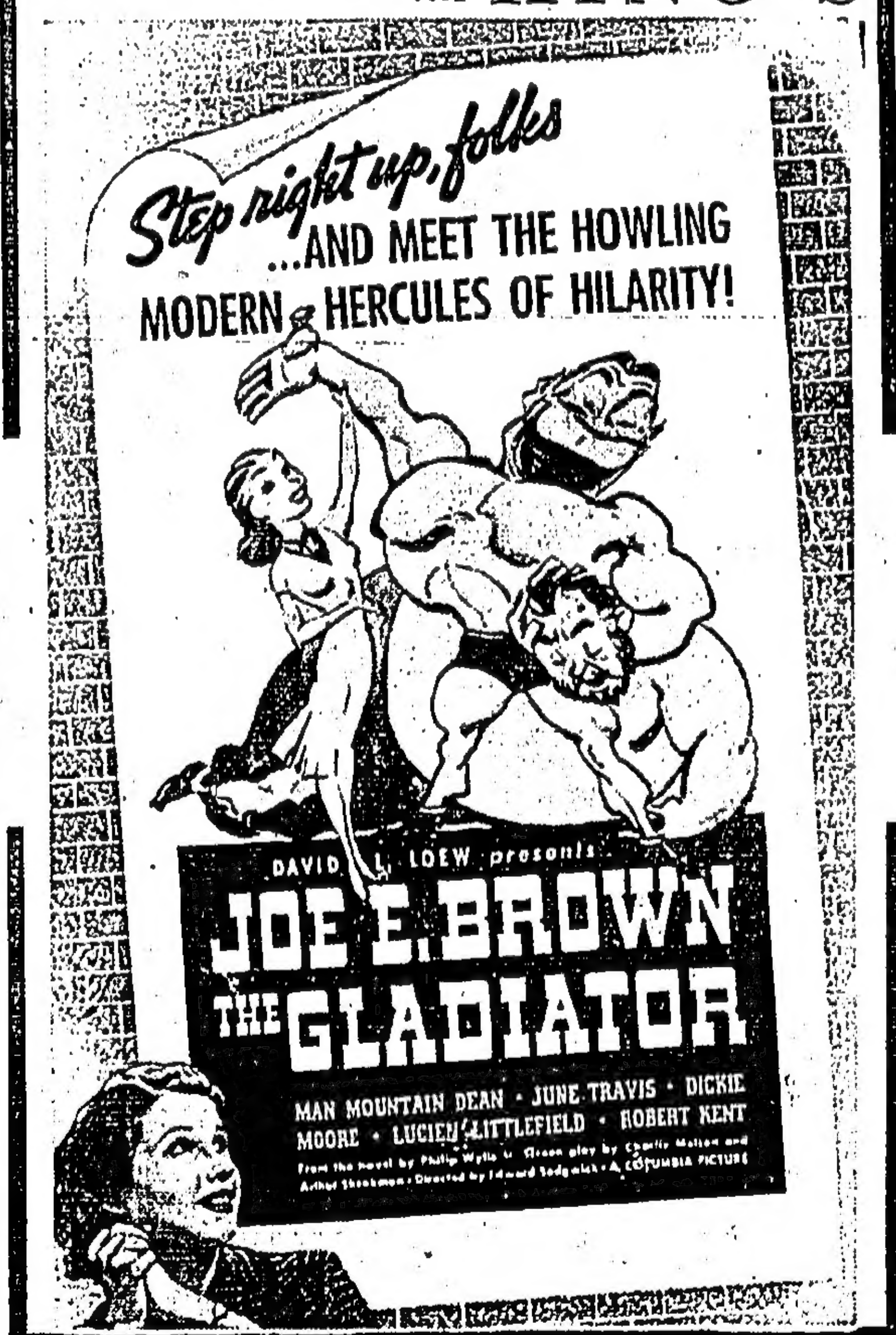


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MYSTERY OF BRITISH FILM STUDIOS

WHILE three new British films are packing cinemas up and down the country, British studio floors are only 10 per cent. active. Why is this?

Biggest success of the year seems to be "The Citadel," which was seen by 130,000 people at the Empire, Leicester-square, W., in one week.

'PYGMALION' RECORD

This audience would keep a West End play going for more than five months.

"Sixty Glorious Years," generally released recently, is taking on the average 35 per cent. more than "Victoria the Great." It has been booked for four and five weeks by many halls.

"Pygmalion" has broken box-office records at Hastings, Brighton, Coventry, Chesterfield and Luton. The largest hall in Sydney, N.S.W., has booked it for a three months run.

Yet to-day only eight films are being made on the 80 British studio floors, as against the peak figure of 30 in 1936.

This paradoxical prosperity is striking. The answer is simply one of finance.

CITY IS SHY

The "Era" official mouthpiece of cinema showmen, declares bluntly: "The City's confidence has been sadly shaken. Nevertheless, it is adopting the attitude of a man who, having been caught by a share-pusher, refuses to deal with the Stock Exchange. Having bought gold bricks, it will not admit the existence of gold mines."

1939 will probably see a change in the backing of British films. Instead of financing productions costing £100,000 on the doubtful gamble of the United States market, pictures costing from £25,000 to £40,000 will be encouraged. At least 40 films of this grade are already planned by Mr. Michael Balcan at Ealing, Mr. Walter Mycroft at Elstree, and Mr. Edward Black at the Gainsborough studios.

BABIES IN COLD STORAGE!

Sydney. Unusual measures were taken to save the lives of five babies who collapsed during a heat wave at Griffith, N.S.W.

On the advice of doctors they were placed in the Griffith Producers' cool stores, where a moderate temperature was specially maintained.

Their parents sat beside the babies during a week-end.

Woman's Record As Ground Engineer

THE honour of being the only woman in Queensland to hold the certificate of a ground engineer, belongs to Mrs. G. R. Bell, who recently arrived in Brisbane with her husband, who is Queensland Traffic Manager of Airlines of Australia.

When Squadron-Leader Bell was air-liaison officer with the R.A.A.F. in London 10 years ago, his wife, who has always been intensely interested in aeroplanes, trained for her certificate with the de Havilland Company in Stag Lane.

"It didn't seem to me particularly clever," said Mrs. Bell, when talking of her award. "My number was 444, which shows that 443 other people had obtained certificates before me."

Born in Tasmania, Mrs. Bell has spent a lot of time abroad, and next to aeroplanes, riding is her chief hobby. She has one daughter, aged 13.

A GREAT HELP

With her qualifications, Mrs. Bell should be of great help to the aviation section of the Women's Defence Legion, of which Mrs. E. F. Finlay is in charge, and in which Mrs. Bell has shown her interest by consenting to take charge of the transport section.

Although the section is yet in its infancy, plans are being formulated for training and drill, and Mrs. Bell hopes to provide her volunteers with facilities for driving heavy vehicles, convey driving, and driving as a body.

Women of any age from 17-50 are acceptable as volunteers, if they can drive a car, a motor boat, or a motor cycle, ride a horse or a bicycle, know anything about mechanics, or would accept positions as cleaners or orderlies.

Indian Bride Runs Away

New York. Recently, Arthur Ochiltree, Scottish-born New York opera star, should have been spending the first day of his honeymoon.

Instead, he is wondering where his sweetheart, an exotic Indian under-produce, Bonnie Bee Berryhill, could be hiding.

While he was making final plans for the marriage, his fiancée fled from New York.

A telegram to friends told Ochiltree:

EMPIRE NEWS

AUSTRALIA

FLOUR EXCISE TAX OPPOSED

SYDNEY. A strong agitation has developed in Socialist circles against the Government's imposition of an Excise tax on flour to finance the subsidy to wheat growers. There is to be a local consumption price of 4s. 8d. a bushel.

Wheat used in Australia only amounts to about one-third of the total production, and the overseas price is now the equivalent only of 1s. 10d. a bushel. As was inevitable, bakers have had to pass on the flour tax to the bread consumer by increasing the price by 1s. a 2lb. loaf.

Labour admits that the wheat-grower must be helped, but contends that this should be done out of general taxation revenue.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CHIEF

Mr. Gordon Young, until recently Director of Physical Education at the Y.M.C.A. in London, has arrived to become the first Director of Physical Education to the New South Wales Government.

JAMAICA

CENSUS TO BE TAKEN NEXT YEAR

Kingston. The Legislative Council recently decided to take a census of the island next year at a cost of £25,000. In 1931 a request for a census was rejected by the Council on the ground of economy.

MAURITIUS

LAND SETTLEMENT FOR UNEMPLOYED

Port Louis. The Government recently began a new land settlement plan in the Midlands district to relieve unemployment in the sugar cane plantations in the northern and western parts of the island. The drought this year has caused heavy destruction of cane.

The unemployed began a march on the capital, asking for a dole or work, but were stopped by the police.

The co-operation between the new Labour Department and planters is bearing fruit. The Government is daily transporting men in special trains from the workless districts to the less affected areas where work is still available.

tree: "I can't go through with the marriage. I have run away."

Mr. Ochiltree said: "She is an adorable, spoiled, brat and a headstrong kid, but I still love her."



High enthusiasm greeted French Premier Edouard Daladier as he arrived in Bizerta, Tunisia, to inspect France's Marath line of fortifications between French North Africa and Italian Libya. Here he is welcomed by Tunisian children.

For 80 Years He Lived In The Dark

COMBE HAY (near Bath, Somerset).

AFTER living in terror of daylight for eighty years, Mr. George Edward Smart, Lord of the Manor of Combe Hay, was carried by villagers to Combe Hay church just after dusk recently to lie in his coffin before the altar in the darkness he loved.

When he was nine years old, his eyes were injured while he was at play with a school friend. Ever since then daylight, or anything white, caused agony to his eyes.

Life was unbearable unless he turned day into night, night into day. He died at the age of eighty-nine.

One of the staff of the Manor House of Combe Hay told me tonight:—

"Mr. Smart slept all day with his room closely shuttered against the daylight. As soon as it was dark he would get up. He generally listened to the radio until midnight."

"Then he would have his lunch and go out for a drive in his car before returning for his tea. Just before dawn he would go back to bed."

In the beautiful gardens of Combe Hay Manor, where there is a lake, Mr. Smart built an Italian garden and a grove of shells which were sent from all over the world.

The lake, the grove and the garden he saw only by moonlight. One of his greatest interests was agriculture, but he could visit agricultural shows only at night, long after they had closed for the day.

He used to go round the cottages and other exhibits with a torch.

His servants had to read to him anything printed on white paper. Though the villagers of Combe Hay hardly ever saw their lord of the manor, he was immensely popular

Suez Film Not To Be Banned

Paris. A Paris Court recently rejected two applications for a ban on the film "Suez," pending legal action.

The film is based on a romance woven round the building of the Suez Canal.

The application was made by M. Paul de Lesseps, a son of Ferdinand de Lesseps, the builder of the canal, and the Marquess de Casa Fuerte, a grandnephew of Empress Eugenie, who is represented in the film by Loretta Young.

Giving the court's decision, Judge Mailleraud declared: "This film, which has no claim to literary, artistic or historic merits, contains blunders and improbable or ingenious incidents calculated to evoke mirth rather than indignation."

"It contains no message likely to suit the memory of Eugenie de Montijo and Ferdinand de Lesseps in the mind of the audience. There is, therefore, no reason for preventing the exhibition of the film."

Though foreign, the film very opportunely recalls that the creation of the Suez Canal was a French work.

with them for his generosity. Years ago, in his young days, he made the manor famous for its parties and social gatherings, always at night.

"Private Room On Wheels For Basil And Betty"

CANBERRA.

A profound change in the relation of the sexes had been brought about by the intention of the automobile, said Professor G. V. Portus, of Adelaide University, to the history section of the Science Congress. Basil could now meet Betty in a private room on wheels, and nobody could say nay, he added.

Snob 'Insult' To Golf Club

NEW complaints of "snobbery" by members of Hastings Downs Golf Club towards artisan members were made at Hastings Town Council meeting recently.

The Council was again considering the proposal to grant £100 a year to the club. The proposal was carried by 24 votes to 11.

Councillor Riddle, who made charges of snobbery at the council's last meeting, quoted from the letter, which was written by an artisan member:

"The other day some of our chaps were playing when four so-called gentlemen cut in. Just as an artisan was taking his shot, one of the gentlemen said: 'We are allowed to play through you.'"

"ONLY ARTISANS" The artisan said: 'We are sorry, but you have cut in, and so lose your right to the course.' The gentlemen refused, saying 'You are only artisan members; you are not of the same standing as us.'"

"As for the matches they (the full members) claim to have played with us, we have had one since the club has been formed. We don't approach them for a game because of Rule 16 which states that no artisan member is permitted to play with a member of the parent club except by invitation of the latter."

"On behalf of the artisans, whom I am sure are with me, I thank you

Professor Portus also said: "If you ask a boy to-day who kissed Hardy, he probably will answer Laurel." After strongly criticising the old method of teaching history, with its emphasis on the doings of royalty and on wars, he said things were better now.

The old form of history, about the private lives of royalty, he described as "snob history."

"When the former Kaiser, now cutting trees at Doorn, was saying 20 years ago that he was God's vice-regent on earth, you heard speaking no modern king but an Elector of Hanover of 400 years ago," said Professor Portus.

He added that economics now dominated history to a considerable extent.

The head of the civic administration section of the Department of the Interior, Mr. C. S. Daley, said he regretted the absence of an historical background in Australia compared with other divisions of the world.

With a knowledge of Australian history and its storied enterprises, and substituting Australia for England, a drawing question could be repeated: "Here and here did Australia help me: How can I help Australia?"—say, and in purposeful action find the satisfactory answer.

for showing the public what snobs 99 per cent. of the golf club are." Councillor Goldman said: "As one of the snobs referred to in that letter which Councillor Riddle, by means best known to himself, has had sent to himself, I protest on behalf of 200 members at his insult which Councillor Riddle has so foolishly flung at the club."



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GERMAN PLANE MISSING

Rome, Feb. 26.
The Air Ministry has ordered air port radars to exercise the sharpest vigilance in an effort to trace the missing German aeroplane, Dalm, which, with six passengers and a crew of four, was due at Genoa from the Balearic Islands on Saturday afternoon. The Dalm, with mail, arrived about 2 p.m. and the Dalm, with five passengers, just after 4 p.m.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS PLANE ARRIVED ON SATURDAY

Two Imperial Airways planes, carrying mail and passengers, arrived at Kai Tak on Saturday afternoon. The Dalm, with mail, arrived about 2 p.m. and the Dalm, with five passengers, just after 4 p.m.

The passengers were Mr. E. J. Tandy, engineer, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, who came from Rangoon and will spend three days in the Colony before going to Chungking; Mr. W. Schelcher, who is here on a short business trip; Mr. Kent Luty, American manufacturer, who will spend a few days in Hongkong before going on to Shanghai; Miss G. Kantowski, and Mr. Dobbs, a staff member.

The next outward flight is tomorrow morning.

AIR FRANCE DEPARTURE

Mr. J. K. Swire, a principal of the firm of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and Mr. W. H. Lock, manager of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire in Hongkong, were among the passengers who left for Hanoi by the Air France plane on Saturday morning.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Feb. 28.
For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.
For France via Hanoi: Air France, 6.30 a.m. Feb. 28.

Inward

From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Feb. 28; Imperial Airways 3 p.m. Feb. 28.
From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Service indefinite.
From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Boeing Clipper 12.30 p.m. March 1.
From France, via Hanoi: Air France, 12.30 p.m. March 2.

LOST PROPERTY

Magistrate's Volunteer Uniform Stolen

The theft of his Hongkong Volunteer uniform, comprising a great-coat, tunic and pair of trousers, from his motor car, parked outside the Hong Kong Club on Saturday, has been reported to the police by Mr. T. J. Houston, Third Magistrate at the Central Magistracy.

Lt. R. A. M. Hennessy, R.N., and Lt. A. T. J. Harris, R.N., residing at 107 Boundary Street, Kowloon, have reported the loss or theft of two cameras, valued at \$105, from their house between February 23 and Saturday.

Mr. Wong Kwai-wo, of 2 Castle Road, Upper Levels district, was robbed of jewellery, money and fountain pens to the total value of \$170 by some person who entered his residence early on Saturday morning.

TWO FOUNTAIN PENS

Mr. C. M. Pennington, of 3 Belfair Road, Kowloon, was robbed of two fountain pens within a couple of days during the past week. He was walking along Queen's Road on the morning of February 23, when some person stole his fountain pen, valued at \$10, outside the On Lok Yuen Cafe.

On Saturday, he was walking in Wyndham Street about 1 p.m. when his pocket was picked of a second fountain pen, also valued at \$10.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Moreton, Royal Engineers, was also robbed of a fountain pen on Saturday afternoon, while he was walking in Queen's Road Central near the China Emporium.

LOSS OF CAMERA

Mr. Ross of the Hongkong Hotel, reports the loss of a camera valued at \$300 while shopping in the Central district.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 4th March, 1939 to Saturday, 11th March, 1939 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 17th February, 1939.

Social Items

A bridge and mah-jong drive will be held at the Kowloon Union Church Hall on Wednesday, March 1. Tickets cost \$1 each.

The wedding took place at the Registrar's Office on Friday. The bride, Miss Ma Yin-ping, of 6 Bonham Street, Hongkong, the daughter of Mr. Ma Yung-tung, merchant, and Mrs. Ma Chan Ling-tung, of 6 Bonham Street, Hongkong. The witnesses were Messrs. Wong Fong-ku and Chan Kwok-tung.

The following forthcoming wedding announcements: Mr. Leung Pui-chuen, time-keeper of H.M. Dockyard, and Miss Ma Yin-ping, of 6 Bonham Street, Hongkong; Mr. Tsi Zui-lo, merchant, and Miss Tung Ling-yun, of 24 Ice House Street; Mr. Sung I Chung, Journalist, residing in room 7, Phillips House, Kowloon, and Miss Yung Yi, of 1319 Fungling Street, Honolulu, Hawaii; Dr. Wu Hung-tak, medical practitioner, and Miss Poon Wai-kun, teacher, of 545 Nathan Road, Kowloon; Mr. Li Hoi-nin, solicitor, and Miss Ho Wing-mui, of 17 Soy Street, Mongkok.

CHINESE PAINTINGS

St. John's Cathedral Hall Exhibition Opened

An exhibition of art by eight Chinese painters was opened at St. John's Cathedral Hall on Saturday. Works were shown by Leung Yik-yu, Woo Kim-um, Wong Ting-ping, Au Siu-yim, Cheung Sun-cho, Cheung Siu-cho, Che Hei and Chiu Shu-ngong. Joint pictures by Mr. Wong and Mr. Leung, and Mr. Wong and Mr. Woo were included; the two artists have combined in several attractive studies of birds and animals in natural settings.

Mr. Woo's individual pictures stood out by reason of his characteristic lotus perspectives and neat detail. Mr. Au showed special aptitude in his studies of fish, delicately seen through the water.

The most striking exhibits, however, were by Mr. Cheung Siu-cho, who had given his imagination rein in two allegorical subjects and had also produced some excellent full length pictures of old time Chinese country people.

The exhibition closes at 7 p.m. today.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.00 noon, February 27, says:

There was more interest shown in the market during the short session but shares were difficult to obtain.

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Canton Insurance \$217½
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Y'S MEN'S CLUB

To Meet World Touring Ambassador

Members of the local Y's Men's Club will meet Mr. Paul Sterner, Past President of the Honolulu Y's Men's Club, at a special meeting in the China Building at 7.30 p.m. today.

Mr. Sterner is serving as Ambassador for the International Y's Men's Clubs and is visiting all the Clubs in the course of a world tour.

Dr. J. H. Shlensky, a member of the Y's Men's Club, will be in the audience with Dr. F. I. Tseung, Tel. No. 24106.

MUSICAL EVENING

The Hongkong Singers and the Hongkong Chamber Music Club are combining to present a programme in the University Grant Hall at 9.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1.

The concert will have the patronage of H. E. the Governor.

Bookings can be made at Tsang Fook's, Queen's Road Central.

Girl Wrote To Fiance: 'Jelly, Darling, Don't Let Me Down'

EMPIRE NEWS

FUTURE STATUS OF EAST AFRICA

Nairobi.
The future policy of the Tanganyika League was discussed at a meeting of delegates at Nairobi. The organiser Major F. W. Cavendish-Bentley said the outlook for the territory was at present safer, after the statement by Mr. MacDonald, the Colonial Secretary in the House of Commons in December.

In view of the unstable situation in Europe however, it would be disastrous to become complacent or to relax their efforts. The purpose of the conference was to plan future activities, especially in Britain.

He claimed chiefly responsible for the profound change in British public opinion on the Colonial question. A message from Lord Baden-Powell was received at a dinner of the delegates last night, wishing the conference success, and emphasising that the steady influence of the Empire was more than ever needed to maintain unity and goodwill.

Estate for the Navy.—The Governor, Air Chief Marshal Sir Henry Brooke-Popham, recently accepted from Sir Ali Bin Salim, the Kenya Arab leader, the beautiful estate of Peleleza at Mombasa, with its residences, as a rest house for the Navy. Sir Ali was recently given the rank of Captain R.N. and the right to a salute of seven guns.

AUSTRALIA

WATERSIDE DISPUTE SETTLED

Sydney.
The Port Kembla waterside dispute, arising out of the refusal of the dockers to load pig-iron for Japan, has ended after nine weeks. The strike has meant a loss in wages of £100,000.

The dockers have now undertaken to load the steamer Dalmat, 4,550 tons, for Japan. The Federal Government has stopped the licensing of non-union dockers.

The unions have issued an appeal to the people of Australia to support a ban on the export of war materials to aggressors. A deputation met the Prime Minister, Mr. J. A. Lyons.

INDIA

CONGRESS BALLOT DISTURBANCES

Bombay.
The elections of delegates to the Congress Party's annual conference at Tripura were marked by general disturbances. In one Allahabad constituency the ballot boxes were burnt, and in a Poona ward one of the polling officers is reported to have been assaulted by a candidate.

BURMA

STRIKE CLOSES OIL REFINERY

Rangoon.
The Burma Oil Refinery was completely closed recently, owing to the extension of the strike.

Strikers and picketers are very active, especially outside Rangoon itself. U. Saw, the agitator, and two others have been released from prison, as their fines have been paid. They were fined for taking part in an illegal procession.

SOUTH AFRICA

ROBERTS HEIGHTS COMPROMISE

Johannesburg.
The Government's decision to re-name the Union military headquarters "Voortrekkerhoogte," while retaining the title "Roberts Heights" for the post office and wireless station, intensifies disappointments in the English section of the population. The Rand Daily Mail says: "This compromise will satisfy no one, but will merely spur the Malanites to further excesses in the campaign to wipe out the last traces of British sentiment in this country."

Woman Wanted To Slap P.C.s

Market Harborough.
Mrs. W. J. Southam, smartly dressed widow of a rich Northamptonshire auctioneer, was taken out of Market Harborough police court recently after she had threatened to slap two policemen's faces.

Mrs. Southam, who was sitting in a front seat, jumped up after a minor case had been heard and tried to address the Bench. A police superintendent spoke to her, but she refused to sit down and the magistrates ordered her to be ejected.

For the next hour her shouts could be heard from outside, and once she attempted to re-enter the court. Finally, she was told that if she wanted to make an application she could do so in writing, and a note was taken from her to the Bench. The magistrates considered it but made no comment.

Mrs. Southam said later that she had been threatened with a note summons and wanted advice from the Bench.

LEONARD Arthur Jellicoe Bond, aged twenty-three, of Poplar-road, Lowestoft, was at Wimbledon Police Court recently committed for trial at the Old Bailey, charged with the murder of Sylvia Irene Ellen Riches, aged nineteen, of Lyveden-road, Tooting, S.W.

Bond pleaded not guilty, and reserved his defence.

After Mrs. Florence Riches, mother of the girl, had given evidence, she stood in front of the dock, burst into tears, said something to Bond, who had heard her with his head bowed, and was led out shouting and crying.

Mrs. Riches said that Bond became engaged to her daughter last May.

Mr. H. A. K. Morgan, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that the charge arose from what was sometimes called a suicide pact.

These agreements were not always made in good faith. The magistrate might think from the evidence that Bond had no intention of committing suicide or that he was lucky to survive.

Bond spent Christmas with the Riches family and left on December 27. On December 30 the girl received a letter from him, which could not be found, and to which she replied.

"My darling Jelly. Everything is O.K. by me, dear. I am waiting to do whatever you like. You know I will not let you down for Jelly, darling, I love you far too much to double-cross you. You won't let me down, will you, dear? I will be at Liverpool-street on Monday morning. Don't let me wait in vain."

On January 2 Bond met the girl as arranged. Shortly after 3 p.m. Bond told a police officer on Wimbledon Common that there was a woman lying near some bushes. They searched but did not find her.

Later, at the police station, Bond said: "I was with a girl. It is my young lady. We have both taken disinfectant."

Bond was cautioned. He then made a statement, in which he was alleged to have said that Miss Riches had asked him by letter to meet her at Liverpool-street on January 2.

The alleged statement added: "I bought a bottle of disinfectant because I thought that if she intended to take her life I might as well do the same."

"All the time I was with her on the common she was talking about doing away with herself, and I was trying to talk her out of it. We decided to take our lives together."

"She caught hold of the bottle and began to drink it. I tried to stop her and couldn't. She had taken too much. I took the bottle from her and took half of it myself."

About 2 a.m. on January 3 the girl was found unconscious on the common. She died the next day from poisoning, intensified by exposure.

Iran Crown Prince On Way To Bride

Baghdad, Feb. 26.
The Crown Prince of Iran, Mohamed Reza, now on his way to Cairo to sign the marriage contract for his alliance with the Egyptian Princess Fawzia, arrived here today.

The Prince was met at the Iraqi frontier by Prince Abdul Ilah, and the Deputy Prime Minister.

At the Baghdad railway station, the Prince was welcomed by Prince Zeid, representing the King, and was accompanied by members of the Iraqi Cabinet.

In the evening, King Ghazi gave a banquet in the royal palace in honour of the guest.

Signature of the marriage will be made on March 16, and the Crown Prince and Princess will go to Tehran where the festivities will be held from April 21 to April 24.—Trans-Ocean.

Czar's Niece: Sudden Illness

London, Feb. 26.
Princess Andrew, niece of the late Czar of Russia, was suddenly taken seriously ill today.

Princess Andrew and his mother, the Grand Duchess Xenia of Russia, are at the sick bed.

The family occupy a suite of rooms in Hampton Court Palace.—Trans-Ocean.

PALESTINE PLAN: JEW DELEGATION

(Continued from Page 1.)

Arab State would be set up in Palestine, several hundreds of young Arabs entered Haifa today to hold public demonstrations to express their joy.

Dancing and singing, they marched through the town shouting "Palestine for the Arabs! Long Live Haj Amin" (Haj Amin is the Mufti).

Almost at the same time, a British steamer arrived at Jaffa bringing a large number of British police to reinforce those of the mandated authorities in Palestine.—Trans-Ocean.

CITIZENSHIP SOUGHT

Fort Bragg, Cal.
Mrs. Knisa Gerberg has taken out her naturalization papers at the age of 82. She was born in Finland in 1856 and had been in this country for 80 years. She wants to cast her ballot as an American citizen.

Tragic Queen Reincarnated

A SOCIETY beauty who says she is the reincarnation of Mary Queen of Scots has been elected "spiritual ruler" of Scotland by a group of Scottish Nationalists.

She is the Baroness Alexis Marovonoff, 24-year-old widow of a young Russian nobleman who claimed descent from the Romanoffs—the royal family of Imperial Russia.

Before her marriage she was Miss Mary Russell-Taverner.

"Everyone notices the likeness," the Baroness said, "which proves it is not merely the idea of a few cranks."

"The man who first discovered the likeness was the curator of a Glasgow art gallery."

"He seemed startled when he found me gazing at a portrait of Mary Queen of Scots. It was almost as if I were gazing into a mirror," he said.

"I had always felt drawn to the Queen in a strange way, and as a child wanted to read all the books about her I could obtain."

"I used to cry bitterly when I came to the part where she was executed."

SEERESS' TALE
"Then I met a famous Highland seeress, who has read the hands of kings and statesmen."

"She told me that I was indeed the reincarnation of the Queen, and that Scotland would never be a free and happy land until I was recognised as its spiritual leader."

"Not long ago I was approached by an elderly Scot who is well known in Edinburgh as a champion of Scottish political liberty."

He had come to London especially to see me, on behalf of the Federation of Scotland Movement, to invite me to be the spiritual leader of the Scots. I accepted.

"The fact that I am a reincarnation of Mary Queen of Scots does not mean that I am in any physical way descended from her. It merely indicates that her soul has taken possession of me."

GLAND THAT DETERMINES GROWTH

THE recent publication by the Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Diseases of an extremely long volume devoted entirely to the pituitary gland is a forcible reminder of the immense importance now assigned to this once largely unknown gland.

Tucked away into a bony hollow in the base of the skull, it is very inaccessible and extremely well protected.

It measures less than an inch in any dimension and consists of two lobes; and recent investigations have shown both its very ancient origin and the enormous powers of control it still exerts over many vital physical and perhaps racial functions.

Thus over-activity of some of the cells of the tiny anterior lobe may result in a condition of gigantism, and the whole of this gland is intimately responsible for the normal processes of growth. Certain conditions of premature or abnormal corpulence are also due to malfunctioning of some of the cells of the pituitary gland.

The posterior lobe, too, has been shown to contain and produce an internal secretion that can affect blood pressure throughout the body and also exert a powerful influence on the whole of the involuntary muscular system of the body—in other words, what has now become the instinctive life of the organism.

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Monkey Theory Professor Dies

A FAMOUS anatomist, who had a theory that man was descended from treeliving monkeys, died suddenly in University College, London, recently.

He was Dr. Herbert Henry Woodlard, Professor of Anatomy at London University. He had just finished some research work, and was strolling in the college cloisters with other professors, when he collapsed.

Dr. Woodlard, an Australian, was 49. Previously he was Professor of Anatomy at St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School, and he had held a similar post at the University of Adelaide.

He was brilliant in research, and had offered a new theory as to the origin of the human race.

He suggested that man was of much greater antiquity than had been supposed, and that his ancestral tree was sprung not from the larger apes but from a distant stock of small primates that lived in trees.

The sole living representative of this species is a little monkey with large staring eyes, known as the spectral tarsier. It is a denizen of the forests of Borneo, but is rarely seen.

POST OFFICE.

RACE HOLIDAYS
The Money Order Office will be open to the Public from 10 a.m. to Noon, during the Races, on February 27 and 28, and March 1, 1939.

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INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Haiphong	Canton	February 27.
Japan	M/V Ningpo	February 27.
Saloon	Aramis	February 28.
Straits	Mentor	February 28.
Saloon	Ninghai	February 28.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 19th January)	Tatuta Maru	February 28.
Amoy	Kwelyang	March 1.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 22nd February

Saloon	Imperial Airways Plane	March 1.
Japan	Laos	March 1.
Shanghai	Rays	March 1.
Calcutta and Straits	Sirdhana	March 1.
Shanghai and Amoy	Szechuen	March 1.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.) London date, 2nd February	British M/V. Canton	March 2.

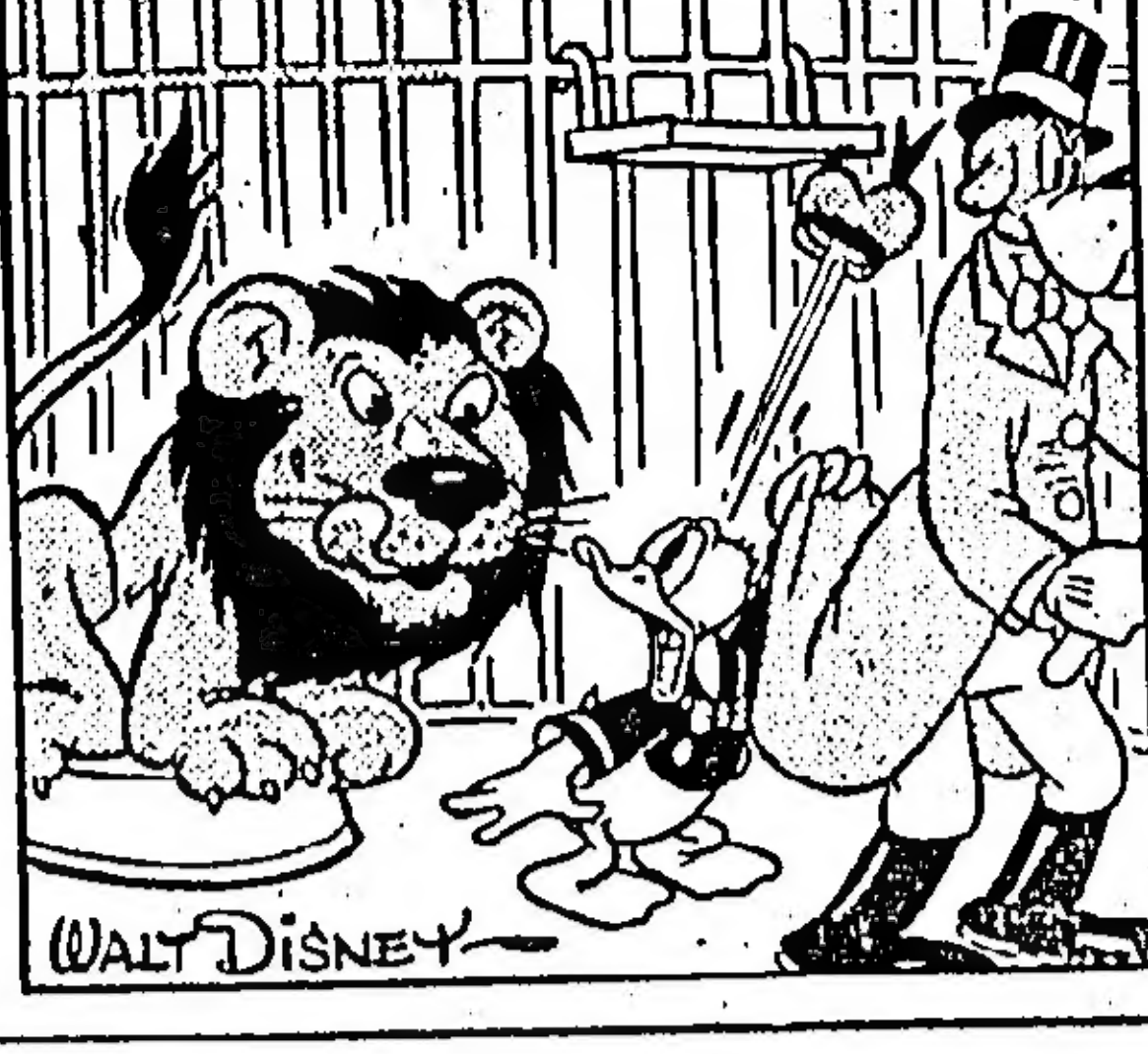
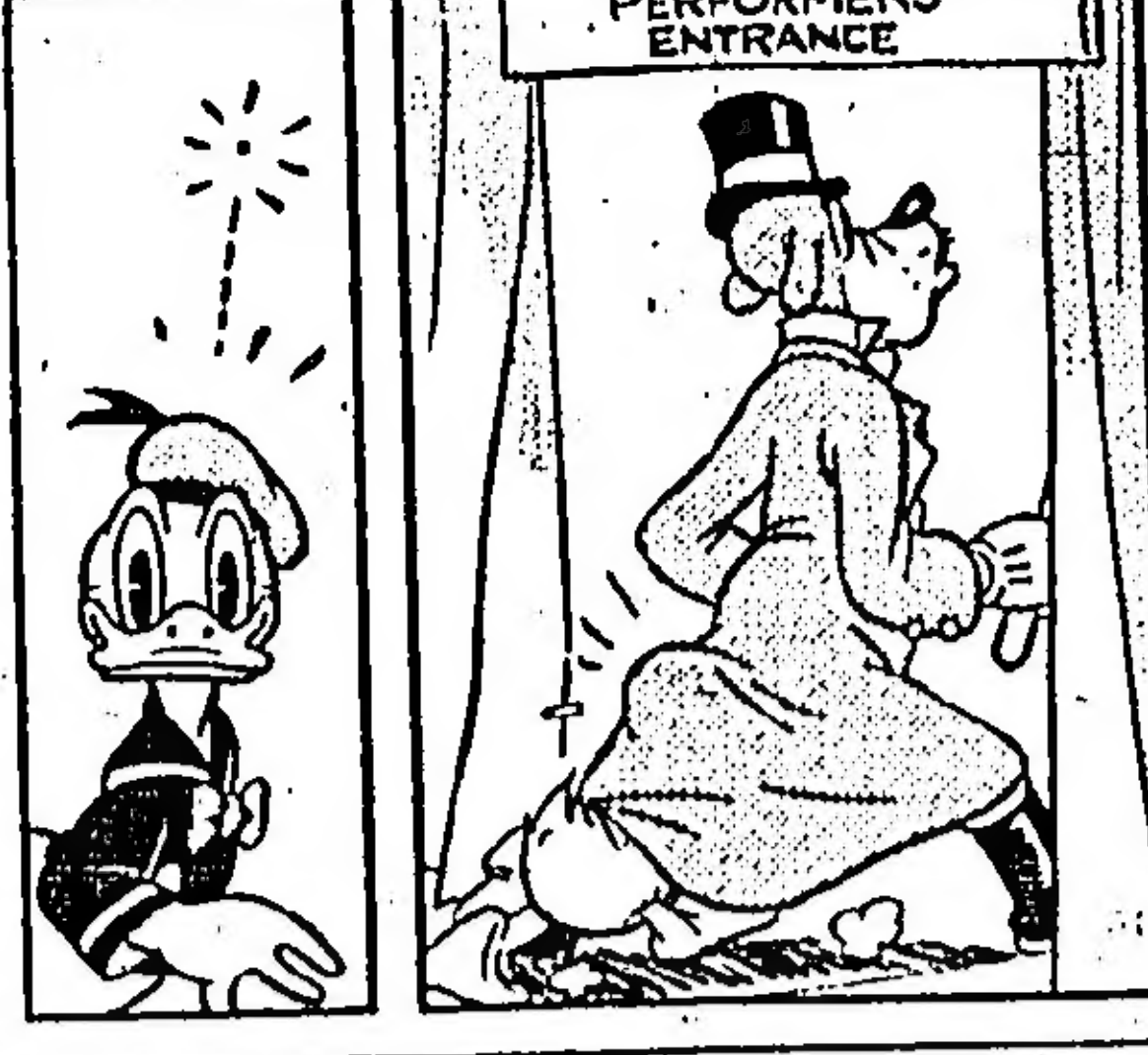
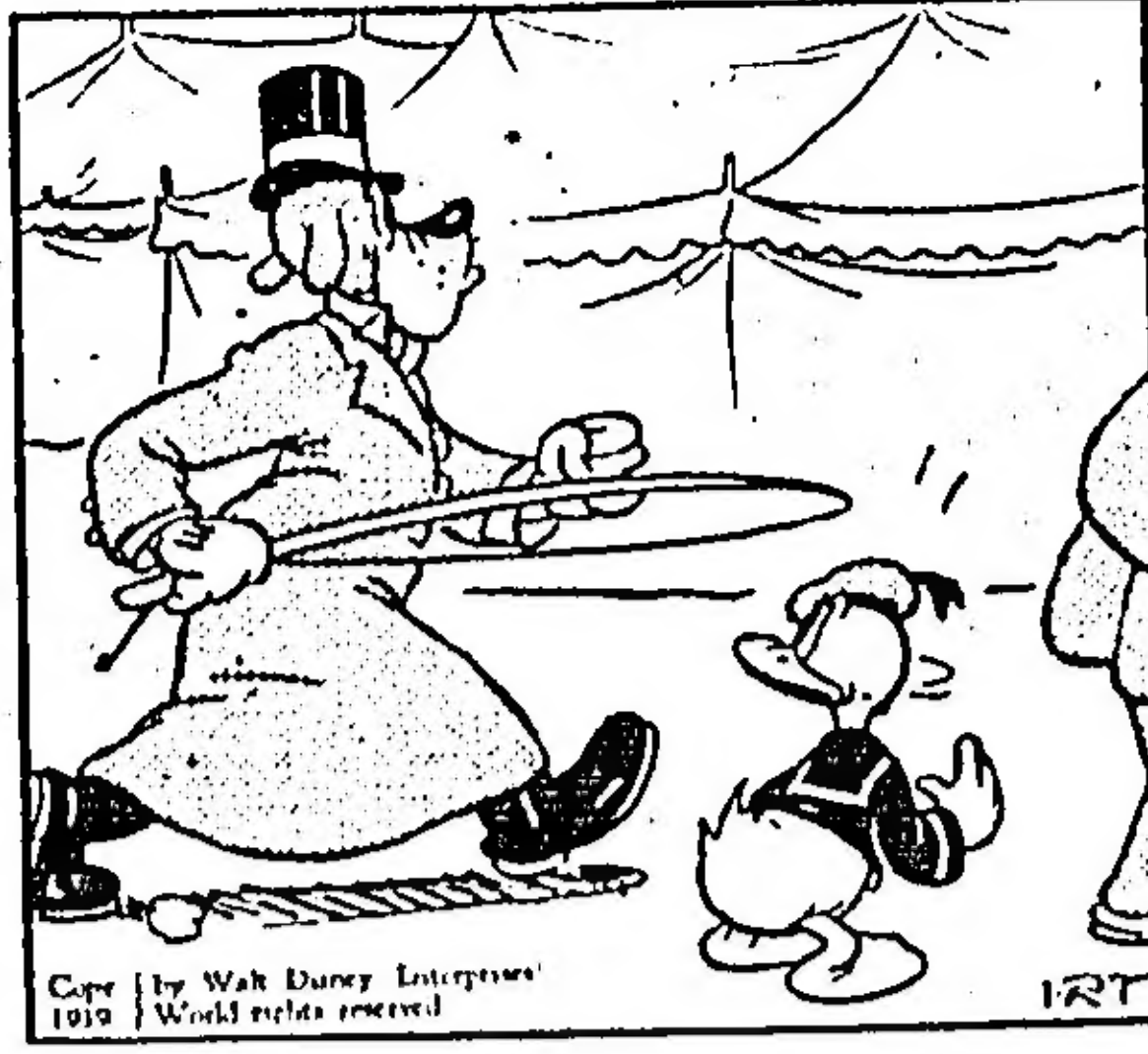
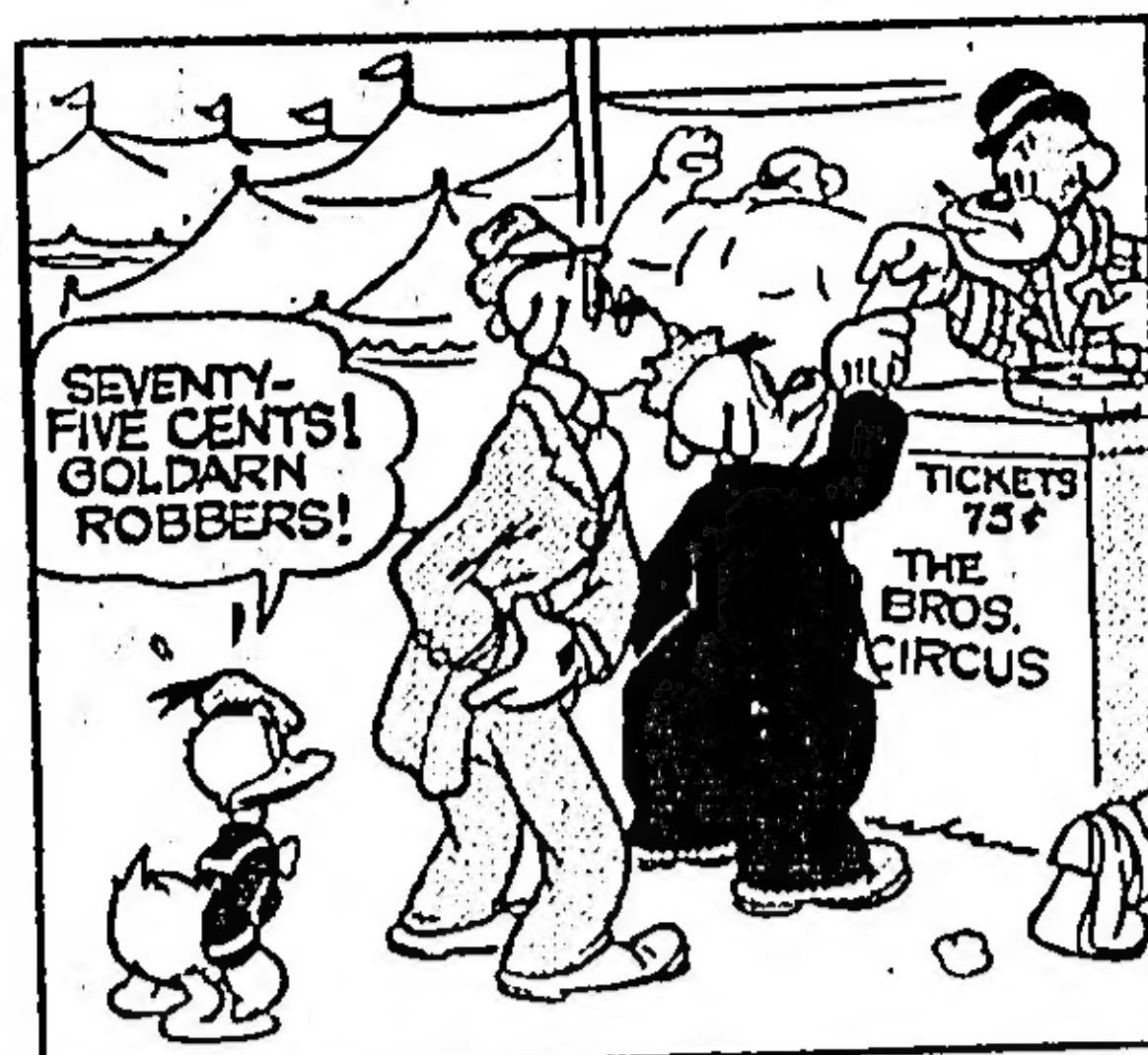
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Shanghai and Japan	Pan American Airways plane	March 2.
Japan	Pres. Doumer	March 2.
Straits	Conte Rosso	March 2.
Australia and Manila	Nankin	March 3.
Japan and Shanghai	Kanpura	March 3.
Japan	Hawaii Maru	March 4.
Tientsin and Swatow	Hunan	March 4.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 25th February

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 10th February)	Imperial Airways Plane	March 4.
Java	Tjilatjap	March 4.
Shanghai	Tyndareus	March 4.
Japan	Nagore	March 5.
Japan	Santos Maru	March 5.
Shanghai	Patroclus	

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WEDDING

Mr. V. Benwell And Miss K. Winch

Two popular hockey players were united at St. Andrew's Church on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Kathleen Winch became the bride of Mr. Vincent M. Benwell.

THE BRIDE who is the daughter of Mr. S. S. Winch, chairman of the Civil Establishment, Naval Yard, and Mrs. Winch, of 180a Nathan Road, is a member of the younger social set, and has made a name for herself in the annual Pantominas of the Y.M.C.A.

She was given away in marriage by her father, and chose for her wedding dress, a creation of white French tulle, with a veil of net and embroidered satin. The dress was made by Messrs. Lane Crawford Ltd. She carried a bouquet of white roses.

The Misses Brenda Rowell and Joyce Shirley acted as bridesmaids in dainty frocks of shell pink tulle. In place of the conventional bouquets they carried novel pink camellia handbags.

The bridegroom, who is a Sanitary Inspector, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Benwell of Warwickshire, England. He is a member of the Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club, and H.K. Hockey Club, being the goal-keeper for the hockey teams.

Mr. Robert A. Bates undertook the duties of best man.

The Rev. J. R. Hughes, Vicar of St. Andrew's, officiated and Mr. Rupert Baldwin was at the organ.

The reception was held at the China Light and Power Recreation Club, Kowloon.

The bride's mother was present in a smart ensemble in mustard and brown, with accessories to match.

When Mrs. Benwell left for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Repulse Bay, she wore a charming model in turquoise blue with accessories to match.

Hines Found Guilty

Released On Huge Bail Pending Sentence

New York, Feb. 25. The former Tammany Hall leader, James J. Hines, was today found guilty on all counts of bribery and operating lotteries, at the close of his re-trial. He is liable to a maximum sentence of 27 years' imprisonment.—*Reuter*.

Released on Bail
Sentence will be passed on March 13, pending which James Hines will be released on bail of \$20,000.

Mr. Lloyd Paul Stryker, defence counsel, stated that an appeal will be lodged immediately. Shouts of "Huray for Jimmy" greeted Hines as he was leaving the court.

The most sensational criminal trial in recent years came to an end with dramatic suddenness shortly after the jury had returned to the court for the third time for instructions after deliberating for five hours. Mrs. Hines was not in court when the verdict was announced, although she attended every session both at the first and second trials.

Twelve counts of the indictment concerned charges of felony, each carrying a maximum penalty of two years' imprisonment. They related to specific cases of actual participation by Hines in the drawing of "policy games" run by the late gangster, Dutch Schultz, and members of his gang who operated a \$200,000,000 illegal racket. The maximum sentence is three years' imprisonment.

In his summing up to which all the members of Hines' family listened intently for 80 minutes, Judge Nott told the jury that it would be their duty to decide two questions, namely, was an unlawful combination of "policy banks" formed and did it receive the protection and political influence of Hines through the police courts and other judicial officers? Was Hines a party to the conspiracy?

Counsel added that Hines was convicted out of the mouths of his friends. Without him leaders like him of organized crime could not exist for five minutes.

Judge Nott complimented the jury on their verdict which he described as just and fair and in accord with the facts.

Dutch Schultz, beer baron, was murdered in 1935.—*Reuter*.

JAPANESE WOMEN WANT VOTE

Australian Teachers Told Of Struggle

The woman's point of view on "cabbages and kings" was well aired at a recent round-table chat in Tokyo when a party of educated Japanese women entertained five Australian teachers who were in Japan as the guests of the Board of Tourist Industry.

The Australian teachers, who passed through Hongkong on Saturday on their way home by the Kamo Maru, heard with particular interest the story of the struggle which Japanese women are making for suffrage. In the vehemence of their claim the Japanese women exhibited much of the spirit of the British suffragettes.

They were consequently surprised to learn that the Australian woman regards the vote very much as a matter of course, in fact, as rather a bother than a blessing. They politely but firmly disbelieved in such apathy.

The teachers, Misses E. Hanger, H. M. Stuy, E. M. Luke, I. C. Ryan, and A. M. Pittman—reported that they had been lavishly, almost exhaustively, entertained and that their tour had been thoroughly delightful. "We seem to have been a success," Miss Pittman commented, "for they are talking of inviting 10 Australian teachers next year."

Highlights of Tour
In a tour that was a crowded series of experiences the highlights were, perhaps, both associated with the radio. One of these was the occasion of a gathering of 3,000 teachers in Tokyo at which Miss Stuy, taking her first turn in the long round of speech-making, delivered an address that was broadcast throughout Japan.

The feature of this occasion was the performance of the ceremonial Bugaku, or musical play, played outside the Court for the special benefit of the Australian visitors. At the conclusion of the function a great choir sang very beautifully, the "Kimigayo," or Japanese National Anthem, and followed it with "God Save The King."

Misses Hanger and Ryan were the stars in the other radio event, when they broadcast on short wave to Australia with us the memory of a most charming people and a beautiful country," said Miss Ryan. "We have been deeply impressed with the well-equipped schools, where the children's progress is so carefully watched. Everything is done to make them familiar with homecraft. We have found the greatest goodwill and friendship towards us at every turn."

Miss Hanger met the satisfaction of learning that every word was heard by her people in Gynipic Queenland.

Cheered By Children
The teacher is supposed to be an uncle to children, but the Japanese children gave the Australian visitors a friendly and often offensive welcome. Children waving flags met them at schools and at railway stopping places; the flags were personally Australian and Japanese, but there was one amusing slip-up when the children turned out flourishing only American and Japanese flags. This, however, could be understood as there is a regular interchange of goodwill missions between Japan and America. One gathering of children—on a Sunday afternoon, too—numbered 2,000.

With regard to the war the teachers found the people to be under the apparently honest impression that they were bringing peace to China. Only in one case did they hear another view; that was when a man said to them: "You see how crowded we are here. That is why we are invading China."

M.C.L. FLAG DAY

A successful Flag Day, organised by the Ministering League and Ministering Children's League was held on Saturday, depots being established at the Cheero Club, Hongkong, and the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

On Friday night Mrs. T. H. King broadcast an appeal to the Public to support the Flag Day, the proceeds of which will be devoted to worthy causes.

The total amount collected on Saturday will not be known till today.

OBITUARY

American Diplomat In Berlin Dies

Berlin, Feb. 24. Mr. Prentiss H. Gilbert, the United States Charge d'Affaires, died suddenly to-day from a heart attack.—*Reuter*.

Mr. Prentiss Bailey Gilbert, former United States "observer" at Geneva, was born at Rochester, N.Y., in 1868, the son of an officer. He studied at various universities and after graduating at Yale took further courses at Columbia University and at a college in the Philippines. During the Spanish-American war he served as a special aide in the Philippines.

From 1911 to 1916 he travelled in Europe, Asia, Oceania and Central America. He then secured a post at Columbia University and also founded and became first director of "School of Extension Teaching," which was affiliated to the Rochester University. When the United States entered the World War, he was employed as chief of the combat section in the military intelligence branch of the American General Staff, reaching the rank of major.

After the war he did not return to teaching, but acted as head of the political and economic section of the General Staff. In 1923 he became commander of the Officers' Reserve Corps with the rank of lieutenant colonel. After graduating from the U.S. Army War College he was appointed, in 1924 an assistant in the section of the State Dept. at Washington which deals with Western Europe and soon became its chief. In that capacity he was sent to Geneva as unofficial "observer" for the U.S. of the League of Nations. As the American Government stands outside the League, it felt the need for a permanent representative at Geneva who would keep in close touch with what was going on.

Mr. Gilbert was therefore in 1930 appointed American Consul there, though his main task was to act in an official "observer" and in that role to attend all the deliberations of the League. In his negotiations regarding the Sino-Japanese dispute regarding Manchuria Mr. Gilbert participated as official representative of the United States. He was a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

GERMAN SYMPATHY

Washington, Feb. 25. The German Charge d'Affaires called on the Secretary of State Mr. Cordell Hull to-day to express on behalf of the Reich Government condolence upon the sudden death of Mr. Prentiss H. Gilbert.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Russia

Trial Of Radio Operator

Moscow, Feb. 26. Five hundred Polar fliers, workers, and journalists sat in the crowded court room to hear the opening of the trial of Mikhail Vosnissensky, chief wireless operator at Tikhaya Bay in the Arctic regions, who is accused of malicious counter-revolutionary activity, including sabotage of the search for the famed Soviet Arctic aviator, Levanovsky, who, with a crew of five, perished while flying from Moscow to America in August, 1937.

It is alleged against Vosnissensky that he hampered the search by laying messages and shutting off his wireless set.

The accused, giving evidence, pleaded in barely audible tones: "I wasn't able to stand the conditions—the long hours and the monotony—any longer and became physically ill."

He admitted that he was so tired that he shut off his wireless, did not transmit any important messages from Levanovsky during the flight, and sabotaged the rescue work by conveying incorrect weather information.

When the Moscow authorities grew suspicious and radioed notice of his dismissal he suppressed the order. He continued his sabotage activities.

The Public Prosecutor revealed that Vosnissensky's chief, Grigoriev, in charge of the colony's 27 persons, had also been arrested as an enemy of the people for having failed to supervise Vosnissensky's work and report his sabotage.—*Reuter*.

NORMA SHEARER ILL

Hollywood, Feb. 26. The film star Norma Shearer is suffering from a throat infection and is very ill, according to the doctor. Her condition is stated to be not alarming at present, although her temperature rose to 105 degrees last night.—*Reuter*.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1889. The liver is said to be the organ most speedily disordered by unalloyed poisons. The hand seems to be the one most affected, though generally so exposed to the exhalations of the gutter.

A flower-show will be held at Kowloon on March 14th. The promoters are going the right way to make the affair a success, as free lunches will be run, admission will be free, and prizes will probably be offered, one for table decorations and one for cut flowers, &c. Entries are limited to Kowloon growers.

We have been favoured with the following:

ASIATIC STATION
Year 1888, U.S. Omaha
General Office, Chin Kiang, China, February 14th, 1889.

The Senior Officer Present requests to announce to the officers and crews serving on the Asiatic Station the death of the Commander-in-Chief, Rear Admiral Ralph Chandler, at Hongkong, China, on Monday, February 11, 1889.

The deceased was buried in the cemetery of Happy Valley, Hongkong, on February 13. The British civil, naval and military authorities at Hongkong waited in a marked and spontaneous manner with the officers and crew of the flag ship Marion in extending military honours to the distinguished dead.

Mourning will be worn by officers of the squadron for a period of thirty days.

All orders issued by the late Commander-in-Chief will continue in force until further instructions.

FREDERICK V. MCNAIR
Captain U.S. Navy, and Senior Officer Present on Asiatic Station.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1914. Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, piloted an aeroplane over the Solent and located a submarine which was manoeuvring under the water. He eventually sighted on the water near the Admiralty launch Encantress.

During question time in the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill announced that he had decided to substitute the year of this test mobilisation of the Third Fleet instead of the grand manoeuvres.

Terrific losses—*Reuter's* correspondent states that the Minister of War, speaking in the Skupstinu, intimated that the Serbian losses in the Turkish War were 5,000 dead and 18,000 wounded, while the Serbo-Bulgarian wounded, altogether 18,000 had died of wounds and sickness.

In recent years there has been no more striking example in the development of this Colony of ours than the rapid and well-sustained growth of Kowloon.

The new railway station is now in hand, and though the building itself has not yet been commenced, the foundations have been laid and the long stretches of brick-work pier and rail-tracks while the new ferry and railway pier is now almost finished.

One thing which Kowloon lacks is a hospital for Europeans. Hongkong has almost all the necessary medical buildings, but an ambulance of them is inadequate, and the growth of the white population will in course of time compel serious consideration of this question.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1929. The week has been one which might almost stir the Colony to take an interest in itself. Not only have very real, if hardly definable, prospects of the establishment of a new wireless station here, but the long-lost vision of a trunk telephone line between Hongkong and Canton has been revived.

Negus Tafari of Abyssinia, having given evidence of the direction in which he is going to utilize his recently acquired powers, has decided to establish an international wireless station at Addis Ababa.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1934. The United Press correspondent in Prague says that the Czech-Slovakian Government are understood to view the German overtures for a Non-Aggression Pact favourably, provided that it is made perfectly clear that it does not interfere with their relations with France.

It is indicated that Czech-Slovakia will not commit herself to the prejudice of her relations with France, but that Dr. Benes, the Foreign Minister, is in favour of a Non-Aggression Pact with Germany will help to offset the embryonic Italo-Austro-Hungarian alliance, which Little Entente and which is worrying Czech-Slovakia.

TRAFFIC CENSUS

London, Feb. 25. A three days detailed census of traffic on the London underground is at present proceeding, and as on similar occasions in the past figures produced by this traffic test will probably result in further improvements and developments of the tube system.—*British Wireless*.

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Walter Gieseking (Piano) and Members of The State Opera House Orchestra, Berlin cond. by Hans Rombaud.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

Rio Rita (from the film); Only A Rose (film "The Young and the Rubidiville" through (Penn) with Orchestral accompaniment.

10.0 London Relay—In Town To-night.

Introducing personalities from every walk of life in interviews with Lionel Gamlin, flashes from the News of the week, and "Standing on the Corner" (Michael Stanger) (Garner); The Man in the Street; Edited and produced by C. F. Meehan.

10.30 A Dance Programme.

Fox-Trot—Ride, Tenderfoot, Ride (film "Romance and Rhythm"); Waltz—Never Break A Promise.

Organ, The Dance Band and McTrot (Piano) with vocal refrain: Fox-Trot—Sweet As A Song (film "Sally, Irene and Mary"). Please Be Kind.

Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans with Vocal Chorus; Fox-Trot—How'Dja Like To Love Me? (film "Swing Teacher Swing").

Jack White and His Collegians with Vocal Refrain; Waltz—That Night in Avalon; Colorado Sunset (from the film). Little Hawaiian Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Tangles—Tango Grande. Royal Naval Singers, Portsmouth, cond. by C. T. Lee.

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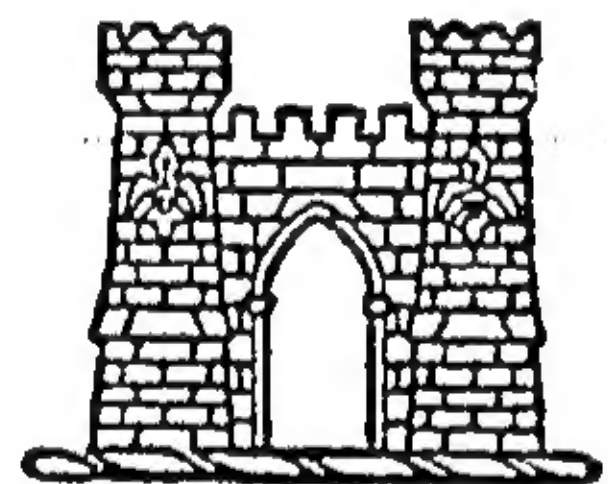
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Holy Land Deadlock

The Palestine talks in London appear to have reached an impasse, a conclusion that was forecast before they commenced. At present the chances of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald being able to find any point of common agreement between Jews and Arabs on which a compromise settlement can be reached are extremely slim.

The cases of Jews and Arabs which the respective delegates solemnly and laboriously repeat are already known to the British Government. The hoary facts have already been unearthed and laid before the Government by half a dozen official commissions to Palestine.

As both cases are irreconcilable both sides are manoeuvring for favoured treatment by trying to frighten the Government with the international situation in relation to the strategic importance of Palestine in the event of another crisis.

A crisis is expected next month in the Mediterranean as a sequel to a Franco victory in Spain and Mussolini's demands on France, and the Arab delegation will continue to use the importance of a peaceful Palestine as a lever to gain their objectives.

This is the position at present: The Arabs insist that Jewish immigration must be stopped, land sales by Arabs to Jews must be prohibited, and an Arab National Government must be set up under which the civil and religious rights would be guaranteed.

The Jews insist that Jewish immigration must be continued and that on no account must the Jewish community in Palestine be relegated to minority status which, it is claimed, would wreck the whole meaning and spirit of the Jewish National Home.

The position is a difficult one. The Jews, however, appear to hold the biggest end of the stick. Another factor has been introduced within recent months—the attitude of the United States.

The German persecution of the Jews has made a deep impression on America and the British Government cannot afford to alienate the growing pro-British sympathy of the United States by according to the Arab demands in Palestine.

MRS. FITZPILLSBURY

"Lor'-luv-a-duck!" Was Her
Favourite Expression

by
GEOFFREY SUCKLING

IF YOU WERE to throw the Hongkong Bank into the harbour you could scarcely make a bigger splash than the one Mrs. FitzPillsbury made when she dove into Peak Society Circles some ten years ago. I have nothing but admiration for Mrs. FitzPillsbury. Of the buxom type, her disposition was as generous as her figure, and she made many friends in Hongkong.

She had one little peculiarity, though—a very quaint way of expressing herself at times. For instance, "Lor'-luv-a-duck!" was a favourite exclamation of hers.

Of her husband—Archibald—I prefer to say nothing. I will merely ask you to recall, in connection with his transfer to west Africa two years ago, the last line of that famous little rhyme about the Pickwick, the Owl and the Waverley Pen.

I became acquainted with the FitzPillsburys through the loss of the lady's pearl necklace.

Singularly enough, the incident was never recorded in the Hongkong papers, so allow me to give you the details.

On December 24, 1931, I was sitting in my office and pondering over two problems—(a) how to get hold of a cutting of *enclanthus splendens* for my garden, and (b) how to get rid of my new assistant, who was turning out to be a numskull of the first water.

The telephone bell rang; I picked up the receiver.

"Yes, I am Mr. Suckling, the private detective," I said, "and you?"

"It's Mrs. FitzPillsbury speaking, of 904, the Peak."

"I suppose you want your husband shadowed, madam?"

"Lor'-luv-a-duck! No! I've lost me jewels."

At the word "jewels" I recoiled slightly.

"And you want me to find them for you?"

"Ain't you clever! Of course I do. My husbin' isn't half cut up about it, and he's carrying on like anyfink."

"Please describe the jewels, madam, and where did you lose them?"

"It's me ten thousand dollar pearl necklace what's gone. I was wearin' it at St. Andrew's Ball last night and I don't know whether it's been took off from me or whether I dropped it. Big as pigeons' eggs those pearls was—seventy-two of them. 'Ow much do you want to get them back for me?"

"I don't as a rule discuss my fee over the telephone," I told her, but it happens to be \$5.00 an hour, or, if you prefer to pay by results, ten per cent. of the value of the necklace when it's recovered."

Silence for several seconds.

"Supposing it ain't worth quite \$10,000," she asked, "what then?"

"In that case, madam, I should be content with an official valuation."

"Was it a snigger I heard?—surely not!"

"I'll pay by results," she said. "Better come up and see me."

I gave a suitable reply, and hung up the receiver.

Now for action! I mobilised the staff.

"Waffles McTurbot—Ah Lum!" I called.

Waffles stepped forward.

"Yes, boss?" he said.

I blanched as I looked at his sloping forehead.

"Don't call me boss!" I snapped.

"Whees Ah Lum?"

Ah Lum appeared. Ah Lum was my gardener until I promoted him assistant sleuth. Now he calls himself "the Charlie Chan of Hongkong."

"Ah Lum," I commanded, "bring two pieces no. 4 disguise chop chop. Then take ten cents petty cash, go smoky smoky shop, and catcatch it."

I wrote on a piece of paper TWO FLOR DE CABBAGIO CIGARS—"and don't forget to bring back change."

"You Waffles," I said, "will please try to forget for a while that you are the unpaid assistant of a famous detective and imagine yourself a respectable sharebroker. Ah Lum will give you the necessary outfit—bowler hat, gent's natty blue suit, horn-rimmed glasses and spats. You may select a few articles of jewellery if you like, but don't overdo it. If you take my advice, you will not attempt to light the cigar that I shall give you. A little judicious chewing will be quite sufficient."

Having issued these instructions, I quickly changed my own dress, and, in a few minutes, quite a creditable transformation had taken place in both my own and Waffles' appearance. I agreed for once with a suggestion from Waffles—a buttonhole certainly would put a finishing touch to the ensemble.

Ten minutes later we were in the Peak Tram and I was explaining to my assistants the nature of the case we were embarked upon.

Like a hound straining at the leash, Waffles was all agog when I described what I knew of Mrs. FitzPillsbury, and he literally quivered with excitement when I happened to mention that she had once been known as the "Belle of Hoxton."

At the precincts of no. 904, the Peak, I called Ah Lum aside.

"You look see," I told him, "any flower beds have got footprints?"

Then, remembering that FitzPillsbury was a keen horticulturist, I added: "Don't forget *enclanthus splendens*—a nice same Chinese call mule eat fa—make very nice flower; look very nice my garden."

"Can do," said Ah Lum and stealthily departed.

Waffles and I approached the house. On the door-step was a stranger. He might be the thief.

We decided to contact him.

"Excuse me, Sir," I said, lifting my bowler. "Isn't this ideal weather for a little flutter? What about a few Antimoks to start with? Or I can let you have some Peak Trams very cheap. They're always moving, you know—going up and down every day—so you're sure to make a handsome profit. Of course, if you prefer—"

"Wait a minute, boss!" cut in Waffles. "Let me show the gentleman a nice line in Cottons."

"Shut up, you fool!" I hissed in his ear. "You're a sharebroker—not a haberdasher."

Then the stranger spoke, and he made a most extraordinary remark. "Who let you out?" he asked.

I drew myself up.

"I'm afraid I don't quite follow you," I replied, "but, in case you are trying to be flippant, let me inform you that we are detectives, and that anything you say will be taken down, altered, and used in evidence against you."

The rude fellow laughed.

"I'm Mr. Archibald FitzPillsbury," he said, "and I guess you've come about the necklace. Better go inside and see my wife."

Now why couldn't he have told us that before?

Mrs. FitzPillsbury was delighted to see us.

No, she had not missed the necklace till she went to bed... Yes, the ballroom had been thoroughly searched... No, she did not suspect anything... Was she in the habit of locking her bedroom door at night?

Lor'-luv-a-duck, what a question to ask a lady! Better enquire from Mr. Archibald.

I thanked her, and intimated that, with her permission, we would take a look through the house.

"You start at the top and work down, Waffles," I said, "and I will start on the ground floor and work up."

It was in the pantry that I came across an important clue—a perfectly good bottle of whisky with a finger-print on it. Pardon me, I mean: a bottle of whisky with a perfectly good finger-print on it.

I carefully laid the bottle in a despatch case I had brought with me labelled SHARES, and was just about to turn my attention to a boiled chicken in the refrigerator, when a most startling thing occurred.

The air was rent by a lady's piercing screams, mingled with hysterical laughter.

What on earth was happening?

The sound seem to come from one of the bedrooms, so I dropped the chicken and dashed upstairs. Archibald rushed past me and flung open a door.

As we entered, Mrs. FitzPillsbury was excitedly exclaiming: "Now, now, young fellow! Don't you get fresh with me! I don't mind a bottle of beer and a bit of fun, but none of that!"

What did it all mean?

Of course Waffles would be there but why was he bending over Mrs. FitzPillsbury with a tape measure in his hand, and why had she changed into evening dress at eleven o'clock in the morning?

Before I had time to figure the whole thing out, the infuriated husband, making a bee dive for Waffles, had clutched the poor fish by the nape of his neck and catapulted him half way across the room.

"Now, perhaps," he spluttered, "you will be good enough to explain why you were manhandling my wife!"

It was obvious that, if any light were to be thrown on the situation, Waffles was the only one to do it, for my lady was lying on the bed in the last throes of hysteria.

But it took five minutes before Waffles, who was completely winded, was able to blurt: "I was d-d-doing nothing—only t-t-testing a theory."

And then, as he grew more composed: "The whole thing's a ghastly mistake. You see, I had an idea the necklace might have come undone and slipped down Mrs. FitzPillsbury's neck, so I asked her to kindly put on the dress she was wearing at the ball. I was taking a few measurements when you fellows barged in."

"I say, Sir," he went on, turning to Archibald, "I think you owe me an apology—treating me like a blooming shuttlecock!"

"Me owe you an apology!" gasped Archibald, forgetting his grammar in the intensity of his fury. "Here, take this lounge lizard away," he appealed to me, "before I tread on him."

Mrs. FitzPillsbury raised herself on her elbow.

"Lor'-luv-a-duck!" she screamed and collapsed once more.

Waffles and I faded away.

Waiting for us on the road, we found Ah Lum. My dejection vanished as I noticed he held a cutting of one of the finest roots of *enclanthus splendens* I have ever seen.

"Ah Lum," I murmured, patting him on the back, "you, at least, have done your duty. Now, how about the footprints? Did you find any?"

"Only this," smiled Ah Lum, showing me the seat of his pants. "The fa wrong here—he make one big step on my backside."

"Never mind, Ah Lum," I consoled him, "In England, people say you get 'Order of the Boot'—belong very honourable order."

"May be very honourable," he replied, "but also very sore!"

Arrived at the office, I got the staff to gather round me, and I produced the bottle of whisky.

"Here," I told them, "is our only clue—but an important one nevertheless. You will observe that there is a distinct finger-print on the neck of the bottle. I want you, Waffles, to compare the print with our Finger-Print Register. It may lead us to the thief who stole Mrs. FitzPillsbury's pearls. Meanwhile I will empty the contents into a jug for examination in the laboratory. It is quite on the cards that I shall find traces of dope, or—and I lowered my voice—"even of poison!"

They both seemed suitably impressed, and I despatched Ah Lum for half a dozen bottles of soda water with

which to carry out my experiments.

By the time the soda water was exhausted I had finished half the whisky but could find no trace of any deleterious matter having been added. On the contrary, it was exceedingly good whisky, and I had to admit that, whatever other failings he might have, Archibald was no mean judge of the staple product of Scotland.

A further test, with plain water, might perhaps be advisable, and I was just going to draw some when Waffles came in.

"Hullo, Waffles old boy!" I said, "can you tell me which is the cold water tap? There seems to be rather a lot of them about to-day. I always thought we had only one. By the way, have you discovered whose finger-print it is?"

"Yes," said Waffles, looking at me rather queerly I thought.

"Then where is it?" I impatiently asked.

"Yours," he replied.

For five days the Mystery of the Pearl Necklace lay unsolved. I had been "waiting for a break" as our American friends would say.

And then it came—and via Waffles of all people!

He burst into the office with: "I say, Chief! What do you think I've found out that the pearls were false!"

I jumped up. "Explain at once!" I said.

"Last night at the hotel," he began, "I was shunking the wicked hook, when who should I run into but Flossie Footles. You've met Flossie, of course?"

"I haven't had the pleasure. But go on!"

"Well, she's a bit of a gay spark, and when I mentioned about Mrs. FitzPillsbury's pearls, what do you think she said?"

"I don't know," I replied. "I give it up!"

"She said—and these were her very words—'Pearls! Pshaw! Pearls indeed! Them pearls never saw the inside of an oyster shell, I'll warrant! Before she got hitched to Archibald, her ladyship was in the chorus of the 'Belle of New York' with me, and she was always a' losing of her 'pearls.' Woolworth's pearls they were. Losing jewelry is like second nature to her, from what you tell me, it seems she's still got the 'bit'."

Now what do you think of that?" I had to admit that, to say the least, his news was startling.

"But if it's true," I said, "then we're in the soup—even if we do recover the necklace—because I agreed to accept as payment ten per cent. of its value!"

"Not at all!" replied Waffles. "From my short—and none too pleasant—acquaintance with Mrs. FitzPillsbury, I'm certain she isn't the type that would admit to wearing imitation jewellery."

And then he expounded his plan.

"In the Gloucester Arcade," he said, "is a shop where, for a modest outlay, you can purchase a string of artificial pearls as good—if not better—than the real stuff."

"I suggest we get a necklace made up, and hand it over to Mrs. FitzPillsbury. She's sure not to notice the difference, and then all we have to do is to bung in our bill. It's as simple as falling off a log!"

I considered his suggestion. Yes, it seemed workable.

"Waffles," I said, "we will adopt your plan and act immediately. By the way, I have decided to increase your pay this month by \$25..."

Waffles brightened.

"Which means," I continued, "that this month you will receive \$25 less than last month."

His face visibly wilted.

"I d-d-don't quite follow," he stammered.

"To use one of your pet similes," I replied, "it's as easy as falling off a log. Let me explain."

"This morning in view of your disgraceful exhibition of parlour tricks up the Peak, I made up my mind to cut your salary by \$50. Now, influenced by the fact that the mechanism in your cranium at last shows signs of ticking over, I have decided to give you an increase of \$25. The net result will therefore be—exactly \$25 less than last month."

I left him to his mental calculations, and sent Ah Lum for a necklace of 72 synthetic pearls "as big as pigeons' eggs."

When it arrived I set out for the Peak—alone this time.

I rang the bell of no. 904.

"Master at home?"

"Yes."

I entered.

Archibald came forward. He looked none too pleased.

"I have much pleasure," I said, "in informing you that I have recovered Mrs. FitzPillsbury's necklace. Perhaps you will have a look at it, and, if it's in order, it will no doubt be a pleasure to you to write me out a cheque for \$1,000."

"\$1,000 be—!" he replied. "What shady game are you up to now? How can you have found my wife's necklace when she never lost it?"

"Never lost it!" I faltered. "What do you mean?"

"Exactly what I say. My wife found it in her jewel case this morning. She must have forgotten to put it on before she went to the ball."

The horror of the situation slowly dawned on me.

"And, if you're not out of the house in two minutes," said Archibald, "I'll telephone for the police."

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Shanghai

City Is Ready For Trouble

Tension Heightens

BARBED-WIRE barricades throughout Shanghai's streets have given the city the appearance it has often had during its turbulent days. The barricades have been erected by the Municipal Council, it is believed, in preparation for a series of systematic raids to round-up the undesirable elements responsible for the recent wave of terrorism.

The Council has delivered its reply to the Japanese demands, but has declined to make the contents known because of the Japanese desire that the negotiations be kept confidential. The Japanese are said to be dissatisfied with the reply.

The Japanese press in Shanghai continues its advocacy of the Japanese raiding the Settlement, and the Nanking Government threatens to regard the Settlement and French Concession as enemy land unless the outrages cease.

Remarkably strict precautions were taken by the foreign police during the funeral on Saturday of Chen Lai, Foreign Minister in the Nanking regime, who was assassinated last week.

In Tientsin the Japanese have erected barricades between the British and former German Concessions and practically encircled the United States Marines Barracks. The Marines have entered a protest against the action.

The *Taishu Shinbun*, in an editorial to-day, declares that because of the terrorism Japanese troops should resort to military mopping-up operations in the International Settlement without diplomatic and political negotiations.—*United Press*.

Press Comment

The Chinese plan for forcing international complications between Japan, Great Britain and other foreign Powers by letting loose terrorist demonstrators in the International Settlement and the French Concession in Shanghai will only defeat its own purpose, a Shanghai press message declares.

Quoting the opinion of foreign residents in Shanghai, the message points out that the present unrest, if continued, would give Japan occasion to occupy the International Settlement and the French Concession, in which eventually she might be expected to confiscate all banks and other property of the Kuomintang Government in the Settlement and the French Concession on behalf of the new regime in China.

The message further quotes the opinion of foreign residents in Shanghai that the current international situation makes it impossible for Great Britain, America and France to prevent Japan from so occupying the Settlement and French Concession, if circumstances should lead her to do so.—*Domei*.

Nanking's Threat

Declaring that the foreign settlements in Shanghai were virtually under the control of the British and French authorities, a spokesman of the Reformed Government said that unless the authorities concerned manifest in actual practice their intention to discontinue assistance to the Chiang Kai-shek regime the settlements would be regarded as "the enemy's land."

"So long as the Settlement is the enemy's land, foreign vessels moving along the coast and the Yangtze River with their bases established in the Settlement should be regarded as belonging to the Settlement, and we feel the necessity of taking independent and positive measures in self-defence against them," the spokesman added.—*Domei*.

"Haunts of Devil"

Describing the International Settlement as "the haunts of devils" in East Asia, the *Asahi Shinbun*, leading Japanese daily newspaper here, declares that the problem of the Settlement forms the "cancer" in the proposed construction of a new order as the ultimate objective of the China Affair.

"Even if the present Sino-Japanese conflict has not happened at all, it was incumbent on the Chinese to bring to develop a truly independent State to eradicate the Settlement which is nothing but a relic of the past age."

"It is natural and timely that the Reformed Government has decided to institute strict policing measures around the Settlement and station its defence and police forces along the boundaries. It goes without saying that Japan on her side should keep a strict outlook on the attitude of the Municipal Council," the paper concludes.—*Domei*.

Reply to Demands

The Municipal Council replied to the Japanese demands to-day but declined to reveal the contents of their answer because of the Japanese request that the negotiations be kept

German-Polish Relations Strained

DEMONSTRATIONS BY STUDENTS AT CRACOW

WARSAW, Feb. 25.

ANTI-GERMAN demonstrations similar to those in Poznan and ancient capital of the Polish kings.

After a meeting at Cracow University, Polish students proceeded to the German students' home shouting anti-Nazi slogans.

Twenty forced their way in and are alleged to have assaulted 12 German students with walking-sticks and other implements.

One German student was seriously and another slightly injured.

The Polish students demolished the furniture, and escaped before the arrival of the police.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Apology Tendered

Warsaw, Feb. 25.

It is understood that an official apology has been offered to the German Ambassador by the Polish Foreign Minister.

Twenty-five mounted and foot police guarded the German Embassy to-night, following the anti-German demonstrations in Warsaw, Cracow, Poznan, Lvov and Vilna.

A mass meeting of students and professors held in the Warsaw Polytechnic passed a resolution urging a boycott of German goods.

Polish students raided the German Students' Club in Cracow last night and fought with the German students, breaking the furniture.

The demonstrations were repeated to-day in Poznan and Vilna.—*Reuter*.

Scene at Warrior's Tomb

Warsaw, Feb. 25.

Two thousand students demonstrated at the tomb of the Polish Unknown Warrior, where Count Ciano, who is visiting Warsaw, afterwards laid a wreath.—*Reuter*.

Resisting Both Axes

Warsaw, Feb. 25.

Poland will stoutly resist all efforts to induce her to join the Rome-Berlin axis during the coming conversations with the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano.

Poland's policy of "flirting" with the axis but maintaining her own freedom of action was described by a government spokesman to the *United Press*. It can be assumed that this summarizes what high officials of the Polish Government will tell Count Ciano.

The government spokesman said that "the most important thing is that we are aiming at closer friendships with the Rome-Berlin axis. Poland wished to remain aloof from any axis but at the same time wishes to maintain good relations with individual partners of both the Rome-Berlin axis and the London-Paris axis.

"The between-axis policy served Poland well. Poland has become a decisive factor in Central and Eastern Europe, so why change policy? If we link ourselves with either axis, then we lose our valuable position as the holder of the balance of power."—*United Press*.

Ciano in Warsaw

Warsaw, Feb. 25.

The Italian Foreign Minister and Countess Ciano arrived in Warsaw to-day on a five-day visit to Poland.

Count Ciano will have a series of talks with the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Joseph Beck, on economic, political and cultural collaboration between the two countries.

He was met by Colonel Beck at the station.

Count Ciano's suite includes 15 journalists, among whom is Signor Gayda, noted commentator of *Gloria d'Italia*.—*Reuter*.

Confidential, informed sources declare, however, that the reply recognized that Japan had legitimate aspirations without compromising the Council's sovereignty.

Diplomatic circles report that the American Consulate is assuming a stiffer attitude to Japan, although the exact issues involved have not been revealed. Strength is given to this report by the fact that the United States Consulate-General has resumed its wartime appearance. The Consul-General, Mr. Gauss, was working to a late hour to-night and five de-communications with Washington.—*United Press*.

Japanese Dissatisfied

Shanghai, Feb. 26.

Hopes for an early amicable settlement of the threatening situation arising from the recent terrorist demonstrations in the International Settlement, suffered a setback as the Japanese authorities were understood to have been dissatisfied with the Municipal Council's reply to the Japanese protest.

Informed quarters understand that the Japanese authorities consider "lukewarm" the counter-measures suggested in the Municipal Council's reply for a possible prevention of further occurrence of terrorist outrages in the Settlement.

The Japanese authorities, the same quarters believe, are likely to lodge a fresh representation with the Municipal Council requesting for the latter's "reconsideration of its attitude."

Following receipt on Saturday from Mr. C. S. Franklin, Chairman of the Municipal Council's reply to their protest of February 22, Japanese military, naval and consular officials, including Major-General Sakurai, Commander of the Japanese Garrison in the Shanghai area, and Mr. Yoshitaki Mura, Japanese Consul-General, met in an emergency conference last night.

It was understood that the Japanese requests made in the original communication to the S.M.C. were not complied with in toto by the Municipal Council authorities.—*Domei*.

China

New Peace Plan Is Envisaged

Peking, Feb. 26.

A new plan for peace, in which Chiang Kai-shek may be invited to participate, is under the consideration of the Provisional Government. The plan calls for the establishment of a new Kuomintang Government at Nanking, under the chairmanship of Wang Ching-wei and with Chiang taking a high post.

This is held, would preserve the Chinese attachment to Sun Yat-sen and the Kuomintang flag, but Sun Yat-sen's three principles would be subject to Japanese interpretation.

It is understood that the plan will be accompanied by the large scale withdrawal of Japanese troops from Central and South China, coincident with intensified mopping-up operations in North China, where the Japanese will concentrate their exploitation efforts.

Some Chinese circles report that the plan provides offering Third Powers economic exploitation rights in North China in the event of those Powers acting as mediators.—*United Press*.

PLANS BIG RECEPTION FOR WU PEI-FU

Peking, Feb. 25.

While preparations are being made by the recently established Peiping Commission for welcoming Wu Pei-fu at his field-headquarters, the Honan Provincial Government under the control of the Provisional Government has formally been transferred here from Changchun on the Peking-Hankow railway.

Mr. Hsiao Ju-chien, Governor of Honan, arrived here on Wednesday to open the new Provincial Government to business.

Wu's lieutenants, including Hu Yu-kun and Chen Tung-sheng, are busily engaged here in organizing a new army to be placed at the disposal of Wu upon his inauguration of a pacification campaign.—*Domei*.

PEIPING MINISTRY

Peiping, Feb. 26.

The Provisional Government will shortly announce the formation of a Ministry of Communications, which will absorb the present Reconstruction Bureau, the head of which, Yun Tung, is the favoured candidate for the Minister of Communications.

Anti-Japanese Slogans

Anti-Japanese slogans appeared in Peiping for the first time since the beginning of the war when chalk scrawls were discovered on the walls of buildings outside Chien Men gate, near the principal shopping centre of the Chinese city. The police are still searching for the writers.—*United Press*.

CHURCH MUSIC

The hall of the Hop Yat Church was again filled to capacity on Saturday evening, when the second recital of modern Chinese choral compositions given by the Church's choir, under the direction of Mr. Fung Hin-chung.

The proceeds were for the relief of refugees.

Palestine

Britain To Submit Plan To Arab And Jew Delegates

London, Feb. 25.

The British Government's tentative plan regarding Palestine will be submitted to the Arab and Jewish delegates on Monday. Details of the plan have not been disclosed officially, but it is believed that it will be the stepping stone to the ultimate creation of a Palestine State with equal rights for all citizens, safeguards for the Jewish minority and a defensive alliance with Great Britain.

As a transitional measure a Legislative Assembly may be established, composed of Arab, Jewish and British members, and Jews and Arabs may be invited to share in the executive control of the country.

It is understood that both sides have been given a brief outline of the plan.

Before leaving London to-day for Baghdad General Nuri said praised Mr. MacDonald's patience and good temper and paid a tribute to Mr. Chamberlain's vision and statesmanship. He said that the Arabs have been greatly impressed by Mr. Chamberlain's recent handling of European problems and this stimulated hope that he will find an equitable solution to the Palestine problem.—*Reuter*.

Jewish Views

London, Feb. 25.

There was no meeting of the Jewish delegation to-day but Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the

Hungary's Needs

BUDAPEST, Feb. 26.

IN A SPECIAL broadcast outlining the nation's duties, the Prime Minister said there must be complete reconstruction of the army at the price of every effort and even sacrifice. The country should be strengthened economically and all social problems solved, not by decree, but in a spirit of mutual comprehension of the rights of each other.—*Reuter*.

Britain

DEFENCE DEBATES THIS WEEK

London, Feb. 25.

Various aspects of the Government's defence plans will be debated in the House of Commons in three days next week.

On Monday the battle will begin when the Defence Loans Bill will be discussed on the second reading and on the second reading and on following days a wide range of subjects, including the shelter policy, evacuation, billeting and food supplies, will be reviewed in the debate on the supplementary estimates for civil defence and national service.

On Monday the Labour Opposition will move a reasoned amendment which, whilst recognising the regrettable necessity for the unprecedented defence programme, invites the House to express that in the interests of efficiency and public economy the Bill ought to be preceded by more effective measures for co-ordination of services, organisation of supply and elimination of excessive private profits.—*British Wireless*.

Long-range Flying

London, Feb. 25.

Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, in a speech to-day said that the flight to Australia last year was a further step forward in the development of the Royal Air Force to develop long-range flying in the interest of British defence.

The performance was one of the most notable of British enterprises, the capture of the world's long-distance flying record.

Those great qualities of courage and daring were still with the Force and with the recruits who were of a high quality and who were joining in large numbers.

The flight was, however, but one stage in the progress of the long-range development unit which had steadily continued since its formation in January, 1933.

The unit had worked throughout with normal service types of aircraft, modified where desirable in matters of details.

Previously notable flights, together with the magnificent record breaking journey to Australia, offered true appreciation of what had been accomplished.

An able authority on air strategy had recently observed that to now the great impediment to getting full value from Britain's strategic air routes had been the gap between Britain and Egypt.

It had now been demonstrated how small was the impediment, and it was decreasing rapidly.

In the realm of Empire defence the possibilities opened up must be a source of satisfaction to all members of the British Commonwealth of Nations.—*British Wireless*.

London Vulnerable

London, Feb. 25.

"Even the most powerful air defence cannot safeguard London from bombs in case of war," is the opinion expressed by Major General E. D. Ashmore, who for the last two years has been commanding the London Air Defence Force.

Major General Ashmore is convinced that at least during the first part of a war will be impossible to prevent the dropping of bombs on London.

It would be possible to reach a state where the dropping of bombs of opponents could be checked completely.—*Trans-Ocean*.

U.S. Defences

JAPAN IS PLEASED BY GUAM BASE REJECTION

The rejection by the United States House of Representatives of the Guam proposal has caused disappointment in the Philippine Islands and in China, although in both countries a philosophical view is taken of the decision of the House not to pass the appropriation for the dredging of the harbour.

In Shanghai it is feared that the rejection may mean the reversal of Japan's policy of appeasement around foreign areas, which has been most noticeable recently. In Chungking it is pointed out that the rejection does not necessarily mean abandonment of the plan to strengthen the Pacific defences of the United States. Possibly large scale resolutions will be presented to the Senate, comments the *Ta Kung Po*.

The Japanese papers splash the news of the rejection. One holds that peace on the Pacific has been strengthened by the modification of the bill.

DECISION STRENGTHENS PACIFIC PEACE

Tokyo, Feb. 25.

The rejection of the defence plan for Guam Island by the American House of Representatives was splashed by all evening newspapers under banner headlines yesterday.

The *Asahi Shinbun* says that it is a matter for congratulation to both America and Japan that peace on the Pacific has been strengthened by the modification in the American naval air base bill.

The paper says that \$5,000,000 spent on the fortification of Guam Island will only serve to stimulate Japanese sentiments. It adds that needless international complications must always be avoided.

The *Kokumin Shinbun* says that the prestige of President Roosevelt may possibly have gone with the Guam defence plan.

The *Yomiuri Shinbun* pays a tribute to the American Congress for its "sound common sense" with which it eliminated the Guam defence plan. "The vote," it adds, "is a stimulus to the action of the Lower House will be a stimulus to the action of the Upper House opposing Roosevelt's foreign policy."

"The virtual killing of the Guam fortification plan is destined to play a vital role in influencing the policies of the Roosevelt administration into a more moderate and sensible course."

The *Hochi Shinbun* considers that the development of the Guam defence defence, prediction, although so far it has succeeded only in awakening some public opinion.

"Congress should review America's policy not only toward Guam but also towards the Far East," the *Yomiuri* counsels.

"The voting down of the Guam defence plan by the American House of Representatives shows that there is an identity of views between the Japanese naval authorities and the American Lower House regarding Guam Island, a fact which is full of significance for the future of the Pacific," the *Meiji Shimbun* observes.

The paper recalls that the Navy Minister, Admiral Yonai, stated that the Japanese Navy did not attach much importance to the reported fortification of Guam, because detached fortifications only weaken a nation's fighting strength.—*Domei*.

Border Affair

Hitler To Ban Tobacco

BERLIN.

HITLER, non-smoker, vegetarian and teetotaler, is expected to make a drive shortly against stimulants and tobacco, which would save the Reich vast sums in foreign currency.

While the Fuehrer will not attack the Germans' beloved beer, it is expected that he will call on his followers to boycott coffee, tea, cocoa and tobacco.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

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English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.



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Border Affair

Russian-Japanese Tension

Harbin, Feb. 26.

A Soviet soldier was killed in a clash between the Soviet and Japanese patrols on the western frontier on the Arun River on February 23.

About 50 Soviet cavalrymen opened fire without warning on the Japanese border patrols near Liupien, in the district of Sanho.

The Japanese responded to the attack and following two hours of fighting, repulsed the Soviet forces.

On February 24, Japanese border guards were again attacked by Soviet troops while patrolling near Seipien, five miles south-west of the border outpost at Sanho.

These were the seventh series of incidents on the western frontier in the past month.—*Domei*.

MANCHUKUO MEASURES

Hankow, Feb. 25.

With its formal participation in the anti-Comintern pact, the Manchukuo Government has decided to strengthen its measures for the prevention of subversive manoeuvres by Communist elements, as well as for collecting information regarding the activity of the Comintern.

The Government authorities stress that stricter measures than in other signatories to the anti-Comintern pact are necessary in Manchukuo because of its proximity to the Soviet Union and the Bolshevized Outer Mongolia.

Seeking cooperation of North and Central China and Inner Mongolia, the Manchukuo Government will send anti-Comintern commissioners to these districts.—*Domei*.

LONDON EXPANSION

Planned Decentralisation Of Industry Urged

London, Feb. 26.

A strong plea to the Government to adopt a policy of planned decentralisation of industry was made by Lord Lytton when addressing the 40th annual meeting of the Garden Cities and Town Planning Association.

The Association has urged this course on social grounds in the past but vulnerability in time of war and Lord Lytton had given new urgency to the demand. In factory trades alone London had nearly one quarter of the workers of England and Wales and he hoped a halt would be called to continue the expansion of London.—*British Wireless*.

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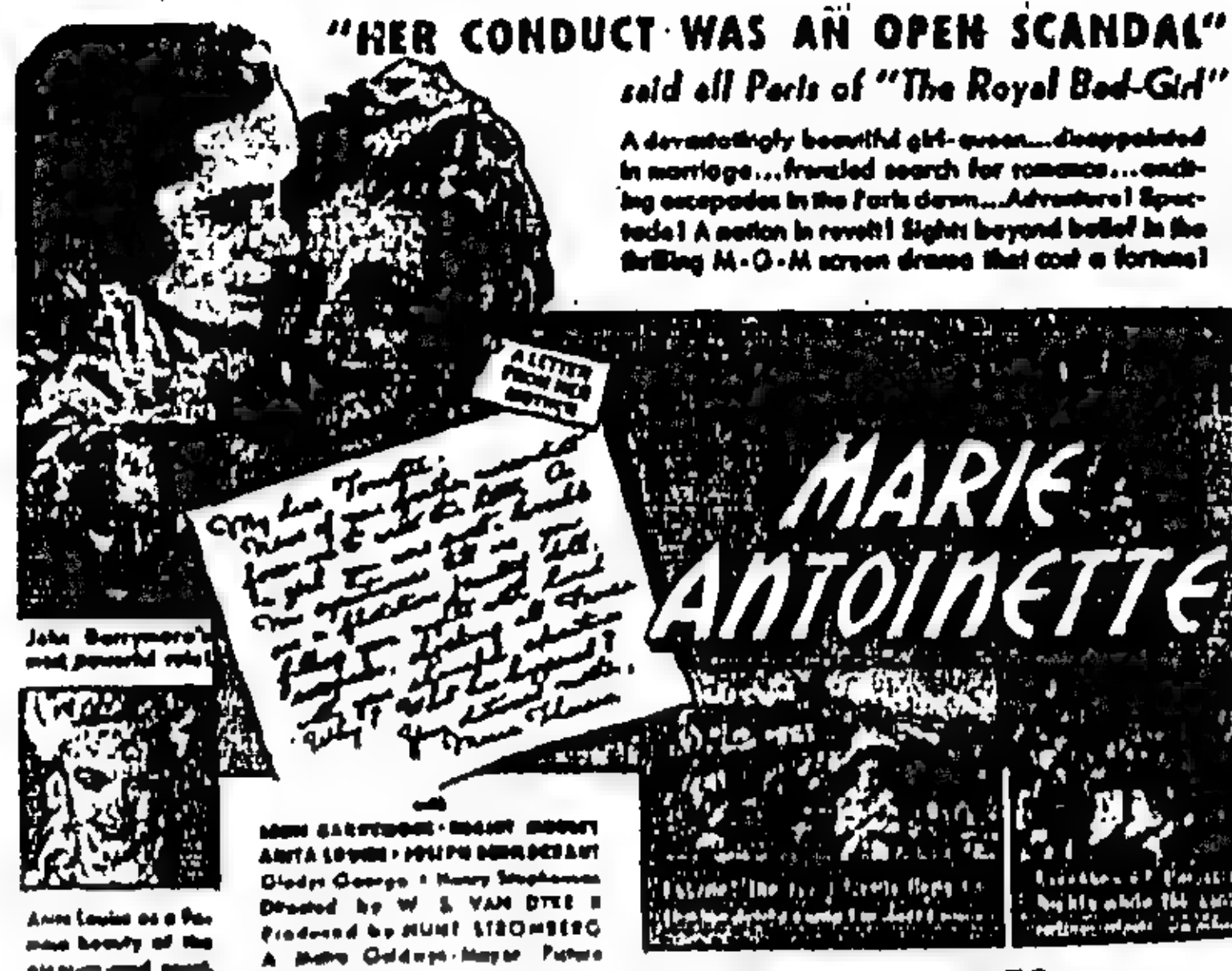
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CAN ART OF MIMICRY BE TAUGHT?

Florence Desmond Gives Warning

THE "Lady who wishes to learn 'impersonations,'" and advertised for a teacher in the "Agony Column" of a recent issue of the *Times*, would be well advised to devote her attention to the cultivation of another gift.

That, at least, is the opinion of two of the great mimics: Florence Desmond and Elizabeth Pollock. The former thinks it is a pure gift; the latter that it is "the most heartbreaking job in the world."

Miss Desmond, pausing as she smeared blue grease paint on her forehead beneath her eyes at the Coliseum, spun round in her chair.

"Mimicry can put the most appalling strain on the voice," she said.

"I take very high notes when I do Grace Fields or Evelyn Laye—I can go up to A—and then I go down very low when... Al do Leslie Henson and made my voice sound rather as if Al had laryngitis."

The hoarse quaver of the great comedienne with its faint "Oxford accent" filled the dressing-room.

GARBO'S "OH"

"I have been told that mimicry can be taught," she went on. "A man told me the other day he thought I should be interested to know he had discovered how to teach impersonations. He said it was all in having a musical ear."

"He said if one could reproduce the note when Garbo says 'Oh'—and boomed like the deep resonant O of the Swedish actress—and then got the note when Tallulah Bankhead says 'Oh'—Miss Desmond uttered an attractive croak that died away into silence—"then one could imitate Garbo or Tallulah!"

"Actually, I feel like the person I'm imitating—always," said Miss Desmond. "And that, I think, is a bit like drawing or mathematics."

TOE-EXPRESSION

"I certainly don't think mimicry can be taught," said Miss Elizabeth Pollock. "Although everyone has an old point they can imitate perfectly, yet to get any range of imitations is terribly difficult."

"I believe, though, that if you get the exact tone and inflection of the voice, you will automatically get the right expression in the face."

"Most mimics are terribly bad, you know. They have three good ones, seven bad ones, and two really atrocious ones out of every dozen."

"I used to get mine immediately, almost as if by inspiration," she went on, "but now I have to work and work before I get it right."

Burma-Yunnan Road

THE possibility of the Government giving any assistance towards the improvement of the Burma-Yunnan Road was referred to in a question in the House of Commons recently.

Captain P. Macdonald asked the Under-Secretary of State for Burma whether the Government of Burma was giving any assistance to improvement of the existing road to the Chinese frontier whence it is continued to Yunnan; and, if not, whether, in view of the development of this trade route to the Far East, it can bring this thoroughfare up to modern standards? Lieutenant-Colonel Muirhead: The Government of Burma have already brought the road from Lashio to the Chinese frontier—a distance of about 120 miles—up to an all-weather standard, and further work is in progress upon its improvement.

MIRROR SCARES AWAY BANDIT

A REFLECTION in a mirror is believed to have scared away the assailant of a sixty-four-year-old trader attacked in his lock-up shop in Railway-approach, Twickenham, Middlesex, recently.

The attacker ran from the shop, leaving the shopkeeper, Mr. Edward P. Lloyd, dazed on the floor. Nothing was touched.

At the moment of the attack, Mr. P. J. Williams, a florist whose shop is next door, had walked out to water his flowers. He later found that his reflection in a mirror in the doorway of Mr. Lloyd's shop could have been seen by any one standing inside.

The police believe that this reflection scared the attacker, causing him to run away. Mr. Williams did not know that anything was wrong until a few minutes later, when Mr. Lloyd staggered out into the street.

Mr. Lloyd said that the man came into his shop three times and asked questions.

The third time, as he spoke, he pulled a heavy instrument from his waistcoat pocket and hit the shopkeeper on the head.

Those who saw the man loitering about the street before the attack, including Mr. Williams' girl assistant, agree that he was handsome, aged twenty-two to twenty-seven, about six foot tall, with dark, well-greased hair, and dark suit.

Golf Ball Fells Rabbit

Alva, Okla.
Carson Conway of Medford says he couldn't do it again. Playing on an Alva course, Conway hit a golf ball and the ball hit a rabbit. Dazed, the animal was convulsed a few times, got to its feet before the golfers arrived, and ran.

FIREMEN RESUSCITATE DOG

AKRON, O.
Overcome by smoke, Mrs. Hazel Williams' Boston bull terrier owes his life to firemen, who brought him back to consciousness by the method of artificial respiration. The dog was found unconscious in the Williams' basement after firemen had extinguished a blaze there.

Silver Lion On King's Car

On the radiator cap of the King and Queen's new car, being taken to Canada with them, is a silver lion. There has been a silver lion mascot on their cars since 1926.

Why? The answer lies in an incident when, as Duke and Duchess of York, they were big game hunting near Nairobi in 1925.

After a blank day in the jungle the Duke and Duchess were resting alone before returning to camp when, without warning, a lion sprang towards them from the dense undergrowth only a few yards away.

A light gun with only two shots left in it lay on the ground beside the Duke. He snatched it up and brought the animal down with a bullet through its head at the first shot.

LATE NEWS

BORDER BOMBING

Anglo-Japanese Officials
To Visit Scene

ACCORDING TO a "Domei" message from Tokyo, negotiations are to commence in Hongkong shortly for the payment of indemnities and other technical affairs in connection with the bombing outrage last Monday.

Representatives of the Japanese Government will negotiate with officers of the Hongkong Government, and will visit the scene of the incident.

"Domei" reports that an official British communication handed to the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. Sawada, by the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, accepts the settlement offered by the Japanese Government.

Following the informal communication, which was made on Saturday morning, the British Ambassador called on the Vice Minister and handed a written Note to the Japanese Government.

DAVENTRY REFERENCE
Considerable reference to the border bombing incident was made during the 9.30 p.m. Weekly News letter broadcast by the Empire Short-wave station at Daventry last night. At the conclusion of the relay, the announcer at ZBW stated:

"To those of our listeners who heard the relay of the Weekly News Letter from Daventry, we would ask them to remember that the word 'Kowloon' does not convey the same meaning to listeners in England as it does to us here."

The announcement was made on instructions from the Postmaster-General, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, who said this morning:

"To residents at Home, the word 'Kowloon' denotes the whole of the Kowloon Peninsula up to the border. Residents in and near Hongkong listening to the Weekly News Letter from Daventry last night might have thought it was a continuation of the daily news and might have gathered the impression that a very recent bombing had taken place in Kowloon itself. Therefore, I decided to broadcast the statement to correct all local misapprehension."

NOTHING TO ADD

Approached by the "Telegraph" this morning the Colonial Secretary stated that he had nothing to add to the "Domei" statement.

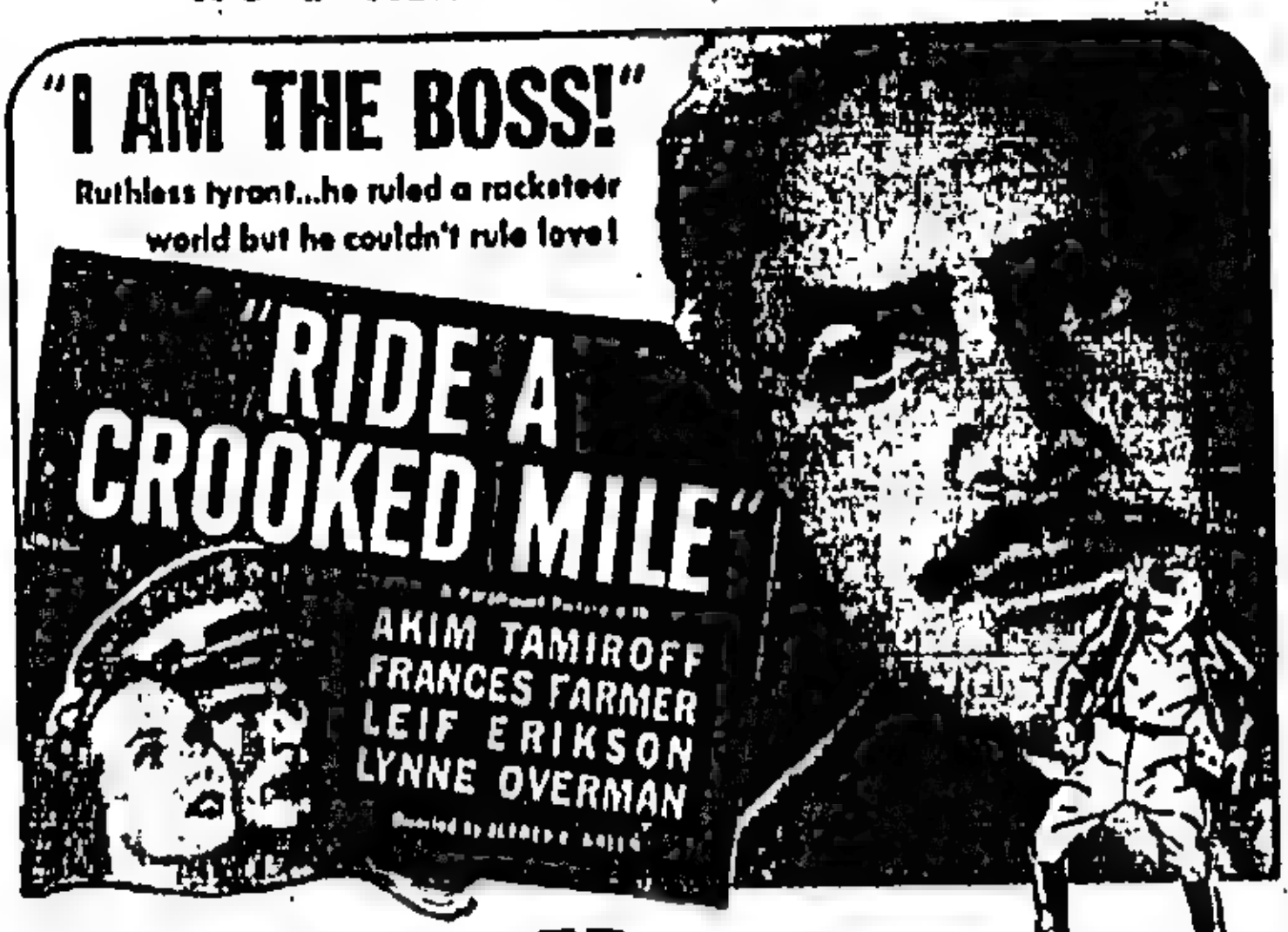
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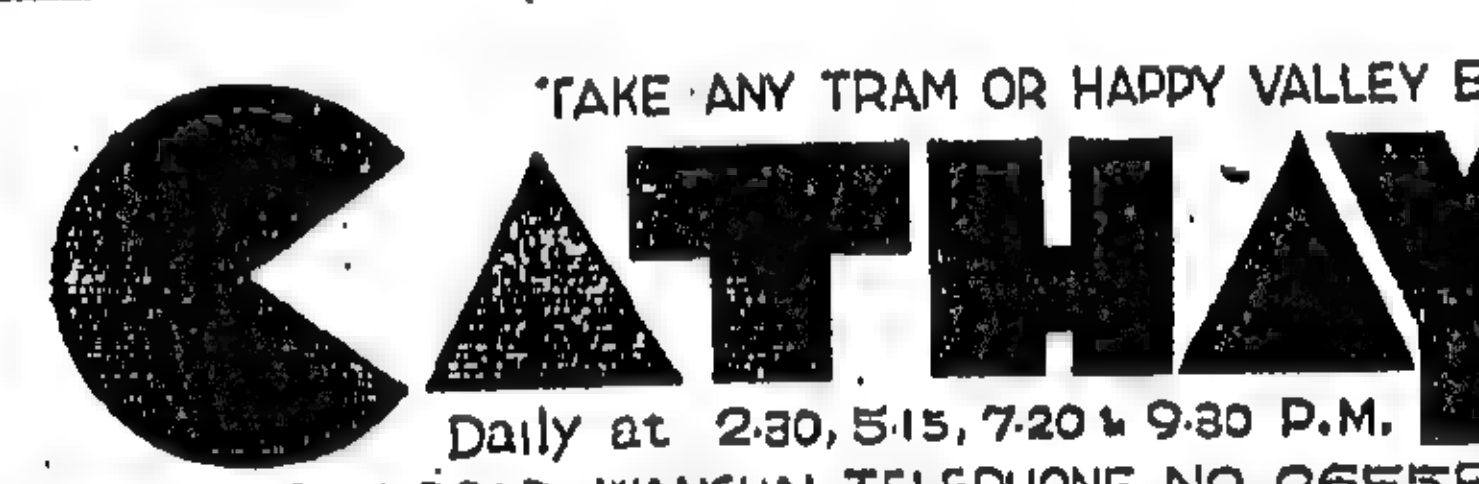
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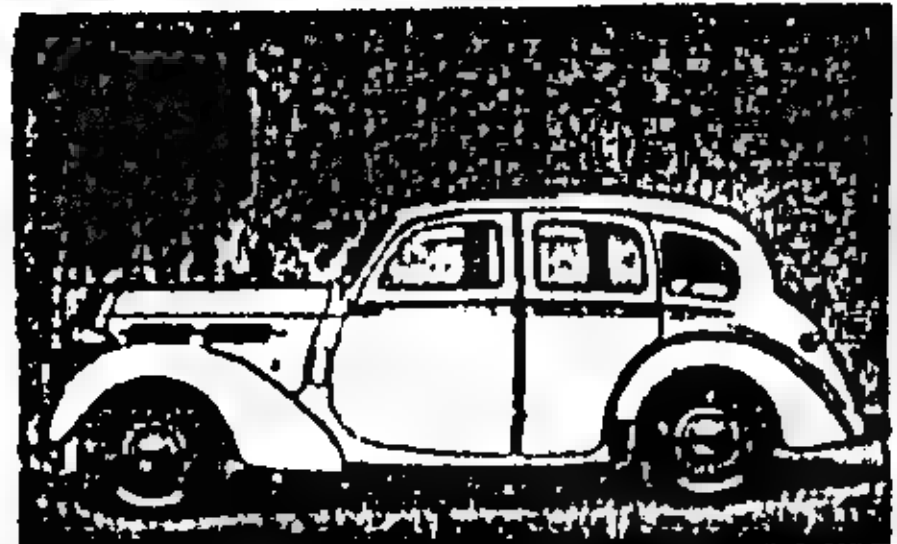
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JOCKEY GOES TO HOSPITAL AFTER FIRST RACE SPILL



A section of the large crowd at the races on Saturday.

Pih To Ride Derby Favourite

MR. ERIC MOLLER announced at the Valley this morning that H. C. Pih will ride Navylight, hot favourite with Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Rose Elect as the two ponies most likely to catch the judge's eye in the Derby.

The big race will be run at 4 p.m. Either Navylight or Rose Elect are chosen to win.

C. Encarnacao, who rode three winners on Saturday, will ride Rose Elect.

Mr. Eric Moller, owner of Navylight, likes his pony's chance. "I think it will win," he said this morning.

Mr. Eu Tong-sen, the Singapore millionaire owner of Rose Elect, would not comment on his pony's chances.

"I don't know enough about racing," he confessed.

Mr. Eu's stable had three wins on Saturday, Rose Elect and Desert Chief setting new records.

Pih was up on Navylight when it easily won the Trial Plate.

While both morning newspapers tip Navylight to win, the "Telegraph" and "China Mail" racing experts believe that Rose Elect will catch the judge's eye.

JOCKEY INJURED
Shortly after the start of the Mongolian Stakes, the first race today, G. W. Sewell was badly thrown by Gaudie, his own pony.

He sustained severe injuries that his removal to hospital in an ambulance was necessitated. Mr. Sewell was in the novice jockey class and needed only one more win for promotion.

The event was won by Marksman, who made a remarkable sprint from the corner to nose out Guinness Time a few yards from the finishing post.

DERBY SWEEP SALES
It was announced at 11 o'clock that the sale of tickets in the Derby Sweepstake will close at 2.30 p.m.

At 10.30 a.m. the serial number was 554,949 and it is anticipated that by 2.30 p.m. about 570,000 tickets will have been sold. This will ensure a first prize of approximately \$230,000.

It is revealed that only 600,000 tickets were printed for this sweep, so that total sales will leave only about 30,000 in hand.

Large squads of police and plain-clothes detectives were among the first to arrive at the Valley this morning and at 10.30 a.m. there were more police than spectators.

By eleven o'clock, however, the crowds were beginning to grow.

Four persons were arrested as suspected pick-pockets on Saturday.

MONGOLIAN STAKES (1ST RACE)
Winner \$1,000; Second \$400; Third \$250. For China Ponies. Subscription of 1000 shares at \$100 each. Half Mile 170 yards.

ANHARTY'S MARKSMAN 128 lb. (J. P. H. Hunt) 1
11. Leigh's GUINNESS TIME 128 lb. (J. P. H. Hunt) 2
Mrs. B. Hall's MAGOG 128 lb. (V. V. Needa) 3

Time: 1:50.4. Fair-weathered. Winner \$60.00 Places 0; \$20.00; \$10.00.

PERTH PLATE (2ND RACE)
First Section. Winner \$1,000; Second \$400; Third \$250. For Australian Ponies. Grifflins of this Meeting. One Mile.

CIR. CANOELLIGHT 128 lb. (J. P. H. Hunt) 1
Chau Bros. TRIUMPHANT 128 lb. (J. P. H. Hunt) 2
Dynasty's KING'S HERALD 128 lb. (V. V. Needa) 3

Won by many lengths; three lengths. Time: 2:50.4. Winner \$60.00 Places \$20.00; \$10.00.

Australia Repeals Health Legislation TO PAY FOR WAR!

SYDNEY, Feb. 26. ACCORDING TO the "Sydney Morning Herald," the Federal Cabinet has decided to repeal the National Insurance Act owing to the high cost of Australia's defence programme.

The Act came into force last summer and provided for medical benefits under a contributory scheme which it was estimated, would cost the Government nearly £2,000,000 in the first four years.

—Reuter.

DRINK AND TOBACCO TABOO

'Luxuries,' Say Nazis

BERLIN, Feb. 26.

GERMANY'S YOUNG PEOPLE are expected to "go dry," although there is no question of prohibition being introduced to the country, according to a "Trans-Ocean" report.

A campaign is now in progress for the purpose of fighting immoderate use of alcohol and tobacco, and in reply to queries whether this campaign is aimed at the establishment of prohibition in Germany, a statement has been issued by the Reich Public Health Board pointing out that in 1938, Germany spent seven milliard reichmarks on alcohol and tobacco.

The consumption of these two commodities increases from year to year, and is accompanied by a corresponding increase of damage caused by misuse of the two luxuries.

Such a course of development must be checked, says the statement, unless, in an irresponsible manner, public health is to be jeopardised.

There is no question of any obligation for total abstinence, or of the establishment of prohibition in Germany.

The principles advocated against the misuse of alcohol and tobacco leaves the healthy adult free to live moderately or abstemiously.

Youth, however, is expected to refrain from the use of alcohol and tobacco.

At the forthcoming Reich congress, it is intended to inaugurate popular discussion on these problems with the object of putting a stop in due course to any increase in the consumption of these injurious luxuries.

—Trans-Ocean.

NORMA SHEARER IMPROVING

Hollywood, Feb. 26. Norma Shearer, who is ill, is reported to be much improved today. Her temperature was down to 100, and she had a better night. —Reuter.

RODE THREE WINNERS AT VALLEY



C. ENCARNAO, who rode three winners at the opening day of the Annual Race meeting at Happy Valley. —Staff Photographer.

Shanghai Tension

NANKING'S "SILENT" DECLARATION OF WAR

Japanese Circle Settlement With "Live" Barbed-Wire

TOKYO, Feb. 26. "WE CANNOT but announce a silent declaration of war against the Shanghai International Settlement, and British and French vessels which are nothing but an extension of the Settlement in assisting the Chiang Kai-shek regime with the Yangtse as a base," declares a statement issued by the Japanese-sponsored Nanking Government, according to the "Domel News Agency."

JAPANESE TERRIFIC AIR LOSS

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27.

REVEALING THE TREMENDOUS strain on the Japanese Air Force, a spokesman of the Chinese Air Force in an interview with the Central News disclosed that, since the beginning of the war, the total number of Japanese planes shot down, destroyed, severely damaged, or otherwise lost reached the high figure of 1,010 up to the end of last year.

This figure, he said, represents a monthly loss of more than 85 planes throughout the eighteen months since the start of hostilities in July, 1937.

With the opening of the current year, the Japanese air force has further suffered the loss of 24 planes, including fifteen heavy bombers from Europe, bringing the grand total to more than 1,030 machines.

Nor was the above figure an exaggerated estimate, the spokesman pointed out. As a matter of fact, the number tallies with that announced by the Japanese Air Force headquarters on January 20 last themselves, which stated that 710 military and naval planes were lost and 300 more were damaged and rendered unfit for service during the period.

221 SHOT DOWN
Analysing this figure, the spokesman revealed that of the total of (Continued on Page 4.)

The statement announces that the Nanking Government has detailed troops and militiamen round the Settlement as a "precautionary measure against further outbreaks of terrorist demonstrations."

It adds: "We won't hesitate to brand British and French vessels and the International Settlement as an enemy if Britain and France don't reconsider a change in the attitude of assisting the Chiang Kai-shek regime."

Meanwhile, the Japanese authorities in Shanghai are apparently dissatisfied with what they describe as the lukewarm measures of the Municipal Council, and the Council's reply to the Japanese requests. —Reuter.

SETTLEMENT BESIEGED

Tientsin, Feb. 26. Japanese troops during the past few days have been hurriedly erecting barricades and installing live electric wires round the British and French Concessions here.

Exits from the Concessions, through which communication is now allowed, could be closed at a moment's notice. —Reuter.

AMERICAN ATTITUDE FIRM IN SHANGHAI

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27. The American consular authorities in Shanghai are maintaining a firm attitude in regard to the Japanese demands on the Shanghai Municipal Council, according to a Shanghai report quoting well-informed circles.

Details in this connection, however, cannot be ascertained.

It is learned that the American Consul-General, Mr. Clarence E. Gauss and other officials in the consulate have been working overtime day and night to maintain close contact with the Chinese government during the Japanese hostilities in 1937 and 1938. —Central News.

WON'T AGREE

LONDON, Feb. 26.

THE EXECUTIVE of the Jewish Agency has decided to reject the British plan for the pacification of Palestine.

The proposals which the British Government will submit to the Palestine conference tomorrow are understood to have been considered at a prolonged meeting of the Arab delegates last night.

The main feature of the proposals, it is understood, will be the suggestion of a round table conference to be held in the autumn on the lines of the round table conferences which preceded the new constitutions in India and Egypt, and invitations to the conference will be issued by the King on behalf of the Government, not only to political representatives of Palestine and Britain, but also to constitutional experts.

It is suggested that the British representation also include members of the opposition parties, in order to place the future Palestine policy above party politics.

It is believed that British Government has expressed the desire to see self-government established in Palestine, although it has clearly indicated that it does not favour immediate establishment.

Subjects for discussion at the conference would doubtless include not only those on which agreement has been found impossible during the present talks, but also on the question of a treaty with Britain providing safeguards for British interests in Palestine, and for the various communities.

Meanwhile, it is understood that it is proposed to extend the advisory and executive councils to include unofficial members, both Jew and Arab, nominated by the High Commissioner. Unofficial members of the executive council, whose title

LATEST

Evacuation Order

CHUNGKING, Feb. 26. The Government had ordered civilians to evacuate Chungking, Chengtu and Kweiyang. —United Press.

may be altered to the Council of Ministers, may be Ministers without portfolio.

Enquiries in conference circles suggest the immediate formation of an independent State in Palestine, and possibly suggest the immediate formation of a round table conference from delegates already in London to discuss particularly safeguards for British interests and the communities in Palestine. —Reuter.

PREMATURE REJOICING

Jerusalem, Feb. 26. As a result of rumours that the British Government had accepted the Arab demand at the Palestine conference, and that an independent

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Obituary

NOTED JAPANESE STATESMAN DIES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. THE DEATH has occurred of Mr. Hiroshi Satto, former Japanese Ambassador to the United States, at the age of 52. —Reuter.

Mr. Satto was Japanese Ambassador to Washington from 1934 until last year.

BORDER BOMBING

Anglo-Japanese Officials To Visit Scene

ACCORDING TO a "Domel" message from Tokyo, negotiations are to commence in Hongkong shortly for the payment of indemnities and other technical affairs in connection with the bombing outrage last Monday.

Representatives of the Japanese Government will negotiate with officers of the Hongkong Government, and will visit the scene of the incident.

"Domel" reports that an official British communication handed to the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. H. Sawada, by the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, accepts the settlement offered by the Japanese Government.

Following the informal communication, which was made on Saturday morning, the British Ambassador called on the Vice Minister and handed a written Note to the Japanese Government.

DAVENTRY REFERENCE

Considerable reference to the border bombing incident was made during the 9.30 p.m. Weekly News letter broadcast by the Empire Short-wave station at Daventry last night.

At the conclusion of the relay, the announcer at ZBW stated:

"To those of our listeners who heard the relay of the Weekly News Letter from Daventry, we would ask them to remember that the word 'Kowloon' does not convey the same meaning to listeners in England as it does to us here."

The announcement was made on instructions from the Postmaster-General, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, who said this morning:

"To residents at Home, the word 'Kowloon' denotes the whole of the Kowloon Peninsula up to the border. Residents in and near Hongkong listening to the Weekly News Letter from Daventry last night might have thought it was a continuation of the daily news and might have gathered the impression that a very recent bombing had taken place in Kowloon itself. Therefore, I decided to broadcast the statement to correct all local misapprehension."

NOTHING TO ADD

Approached by the "Telegraph" this morning the Colonial Secretary stated that he had nothing to add to the "Domel" statement.

Japanese Lose 1,000 Planes

CHUNGKING, Feb. 26.

Regarding the Tokyo report that Japan is rushing to build new aeroplanes, aviation experts here consider that this is due to the urgent need for more aeroplanes.

It is officially claimed that 1,000 Japanese planes have been destroyed since the war started, including 221 shot down in dog-fights, 179 destroyed on the ground, and 83 shot down by Chinese anti-aircraft guns.

It is stated that the Japanese are anxious to build more planes in order to meet possible aerial attacks from Siberia. —United Press.

Cash Sweep Results

The following numbers were drawn at Happy Valley to-day:

RACE 1
No. 1582 222.00
No. 2678 116.10

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1030, 2072, 2942, 2159, 1407, 1180, 543, 1309, 1439, 2080, 27, 700, 2095, 166, 622, 1822, 2714, 527, 631, 1058, 2963, 134.

RACE 2
No. 3100 \$1,416.00
No. 1402 404.00
No. 705 222.00

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2023, 1015, 2034, 3062, 558, 1868, 902, 919, 3033.

RACE 3
No. 1759 \$1,078.00
No. 594 470.00
No. 2496 220.00

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2477, 351, 1220, 2376, 142, 612.

ONLY ONE KILT AT SCOTTISH SHOW

THE only kilt at the private view recently of the Scottish Art Exhibition, at the Royal Academy, was in a frame.

The laird had for the occasion changed into morning coat, lavender grey waistcoat, and a pair of spats, said "How d'you do?" and did the social round on the edge of the gilt frames as the English do once a year.

The only Glenngary present was a satin one with a bunch of ospreys in it.

There was a time—two hundred years ago—when the chieftain was so proud of his tartan he even wrapped his feet in it.

The full Highland dress, in a glass case, had light-fitting trousers with tartan socks and shoes all in one.

There is a picture, painted in 1665, of the first kilt, rather like a crumpled petticoat, and a picture of the original gilder. It is William St. Clair, of Roslin, captain of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, driving off on the links with a thistle at his belt.

He wore black velvet knee breeches, a red hunting coat, bow of ribbon about his collar, and his club looked like a long-handled hockey stick. His golf ball is numbered for identification purposes.

RUBY GARLANDS

There is the whole history of Scottish dress in the exhibition from the early days when kilts were garlanded with ribbons, round the waist and the blade of the kilt was sharp, to the present day when the kilt is a dressing-gown and the chieftain wears a white cloth like an ice-cream round his head.

Nearly all the portraits are of men—they seem to have possessed all the beauty and vanity of the period. There is a picture of a lady, however, worked by Mary Queen of Scots that is no better than the rest but drew a bigger crowd; an evening gown that Prince Charles once danced with; and a still-life of gowns and fruit.

Compensation for British Firms in China

London.

A CONSIDERABLE number of questions dealing with the Far East were asked in the House of Commons recently. The question of claims for compensation received from British firms in China was raised by Sir Charles Cawzer, as follows:—

Sir Charles Cawzer asked the Prime Minister the number and the extent of claims for compensation received from British firms in China in respect of destruction of their property by Japanese military action?

Mr. Butler: Nearly 300 claims for amounts totalling over £230,000, on account of destruction, confiscation, damage or looting, have so far been accepted as admissible and have been presented to the Japanese Government.

Sir C. Cawzer: Can my right hon. Friend hold out any hope of an early settlement of these claims?

Mr. Butler: My hon. Friend will be aware that claims of this kind are usually settled at the end of hostilities.

Sir Henry Morris-Jones: Can my right hon. Friend give the approximate total cost of the damage sustained?

Mr. Butler: I cannot do more than give the amount of the claims.

Mr. A. V. Alexander: What reply has been received from the Japanese Government?

Mr. Butler: Their receipt has been acknowledged by the Japanese Government.

Mr. Thorne: Is it not true that the Japanese have made a declaration that they will not pay compensation for damaged property?

Mr. Butler: I should not like to accept such a general statement.

There were also a number of questions dealing with Japanese interference with legitimate British trade interests.

Commander Marsden asked the Prime Minister under what rule of international law the Japanese Government are taking action to prevent British vessels from using the Pearl River as the natural means of approach to the British concession at Shanghai?

Mr. Butler: The Japanese allege that they are conducting military operations which would be impeded by the movements of third-party shipping.

Commander Marsden asked the Prime Minister whether he has received any statement from the Japanese Government on the question of the reopening of the Yangtze River, and the inland waterways of the Yangtze basin to foreign shipping?

Mr. Butler: No statement has been received from the Japanese Government on this subject subsequent to their note of 14th November, 1938. Further evidence of Japanese trading on the Yangtze was communicated to the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs by His Majesty's Ambassador in Tokyo on 14th January last.

Commander Marsden: In view of the fact that the Japanese are trading on the river and are advertising for passengers and goods for transport, will my right hon. Friend see that our ships have the same privileges?

Mr. Butler: That is the reason for the evidence submitted by His Majesty's Ambassador.

Mr. Alexander: Are we to understand that the Government acquiesce in the holding up of British shipping, and are they going to do nothing more about it?

Mr. Butler: No, Sir.

Mr. A. Henderson asked the Prime

Woman Wins Art Prize

Sydney.

For the first time in history the Archibald Prize, recognized as the quodion of Australian art, has been won by a woman. She is Miss Nora Heyson, daughter of Hans Heyson, one of Australia's greatest landscape painters.

The Archibald Prize is worth about £450. In winning it, Miss Heyson defeated some of Australia's leading portrait painters.

The portrait she submitted was of Madame Elnik Schuurmann, wife of the Consul-General for the Netherlands.

Miss Heyson, who recently returned from London, was not formerly well-known as a portrait painter, but was regarded as an eminent exponent of still-life, especially flowers and fruit.

Mortgage Runs 138 Years

Dallas, Pa.

Attorneys have discovered an unexpired, 138-year-old mortgage on 120 acres now occupied by the college of Mercersburg here which calls for an annual payment of 90 bushels of wheat. College officials are seeking to trace the heirs of the mortgagor to obtain clear title to the land.



St. Moritz, famed summer and winter resort of the Swiss Alps, brings many noted persons together from throughout the world. A recent visitor there was Dr. Milan Stojadinovich, Premier of Yugo-Slavia, shown as he surveyed the winter activities.

WATER IN LONDON'S A.R.P. TRENCHES

THERE was 5ft. 6ins. of muddy water in A.R.P. trenches on Primrose Hill, N.W., recently forty days after the Home Office circular to local authorities asking them to make trenches permanent by steel and concrete reconstruction.

Gracie's 'No' To 4 Shows A Day

Los Angeles, Calif.

Grace Fields, who left Hollywood for England recently, was asked by Twentieth Century Films to appear on the New York stage for one week.

And Gracie was willing—on condition.

"They are asking me to do four shows daily," she said "but if New York audiences want to see what I can do, I must give 'em my whole bag of tricks and two shows a day will be enough."

Gracie added that Mr. Daryl Zanuck wanted her to stay in Hollywood, but she was determined to make her next two films in England.

Then, if her contract was continued, she might agree to work in Hollywood.

"I'm afraid if I came here for good, Hollywood might make me half and half and use the wrong halves," she said.

"Maybe later they'll get to know me better; in fact they're beginning to now."

"A few weeks back I felt it was useless to do splits and cartwheels for American applause. But now, if they'll let me do my job in my own way, I'll get 'em to like me as well as English folks do."

He Guarded Windsor Castle

Inspector Edmund Dear retired recently from his post as Metropolitan police chief at Windsor Castle.

He was formerly personal detective to the Duke of Windsor and was one of the few who knew beforehand that the Duke was to broadcast to the nation after his abdication.

Inspector Dear served twenty-six years in the force and was appointed to Windsor Castle in 1934.

Sucked Under By Tons Of Sand In A Mixer

WITH a doctor standing by, a gang of men worked desperately at Greenford, Middlesex, recently, to rescue a fellow-workman who was buried in 18 tons of sand in a mixer.

The drama was at the works of the Rockware Glass Syndicate, Ltd.

When, after an hour's work, the man was reached, he was dead. He was Richard Martindale, aged 32, of Wellington-road, Roxeth, Harrow.

He was in charge of mixing the materials for the night shift work.

"NOT A CHANCE"

In the factory vast quantities of very fine sand and other materials are poured into the mixers through a gannet funnel, sometimes the narrow neck of the funnel checks the flow.

Usually when this occurs the man in charge frees it with a long pole; sometimes, however, if he thinks he can make it flow more easily he jumps on the sand in the mouth of the hopper. That is what Martindale did but a second before his feet touched the sand, the sand freed itself and started

to flow. As Martindale landed the sand sucked him down and he was buried in it.

CHECKING FLOW

Men rushed from all parts of the building and started to dig frantically. "It was only the smallest chance that cost Martindale his life," said one of his mates. "By an extraordinary coincidence the sand started to flow as Martindale jumped. It was as though he was going down in quicksand. He did not stand a chance."

Imports Wild Geese

Willows, Cal.

Thirty wild geese, of half a dozen different varieties, which took refuge on the Spaulding wildfowl refuge after being wounded by hunters, have been shipped to Peter Scott, British ornithologist, who asked that 30 such birds be sent him if possible.

The flood was rising all the time. The trenches were expected to overflow.

The A.R.P. department of St. Pancras Borough Council, who are responsible for the trenches, said:—

"We are at present experimenting with other trenches in Regent's Park. One section there is being concreted. When we have ascertained the cost of concreting and raising this specimen section, we shall go into the question of costs for the whole trench system, with the Home Office."

That is typical of the attitude of local authorities all over the country. The object of the Home Office plan was to enable local authorities which adopted it to go ahead with the work without further reference to the Home Office.

WATCHMAN GUARDS

But local authorities are debating, while timbers rot and trenches cave in.

Further up Primrose Hill are other trenches dug by order of Hampstead Borough Council.

A watchman stood beside them. His job was to stop children falling in—because if they had fallen in they might have drowned in the mud and water.

Hampstead Borough Council's A.R.P. department says: "The council are considering the question in the light of the Home Office request. It is a bit early to say yet what will be done about the trenches."

Half-finished trenches in St. James's Park, near the Admiralty, are pulled off from the public walks. Notice boards read: "It is dangerous to go near these trenches."

The depth of water in them is about 2ft. Westminster City Council are uncertain about their future. They say: "Some are to be filled in, some are not."

The council, like other authorities, are counting the cost of making trenches permanent. They are afraid of exceeding Home Office A.R.P. grants.

The Home Office circular issued on November 25 informed local authorities that they could count on obtaining a twelve-year loan sanction for expenditure involved, including that on preliminary work, and claim A.R.P. grants at the appropriate rate on the annual outlay.

A.R.P. expenditure, including that on trenches, is borne up 30 per cent. by the Government and up to 40 per cent. by the local authority.

The twelve-year loan sanction was believed to have been adopted to deal with semi-permanent work.

RADIOLYMPIA THIS YEAR

There will be a Radiolympia, after all, this year.

The scheme for a £50,000 co-operative advertising campaign to replace it was turned down by a meeting of radio manufacturers yesterday.

Officials of the Radio Manufacturers' Association explained that the industry was committed to the hire of Olympia, so that unless the exhibition were held it would mean a financial loss.

Concrete Mixers Taxed

Cleveland, O.

All owners of concrete mixers and the spreaders here now must take out automobile licenses. It was announced by Chief Police Prosecutor Gerald Pilled. The licenses cost \$200 and \$300.

Modern Toys "Too Perfect"

Your children probably play with mechanically-perfect toys, realistic dolls, and teddy-bears. But are they as happy and carefree as you were with less elaborate things to amuse you?

Miss Ethel Strudwick, headmistress of St. Paul's Girls' School, who describes herself as "a thoroughly old-fashioned woman" thinks not.

Speaking at the Public Health Conference in London recently, she said:

"When I think of an old carpenter's bench in the corner of my father's studio on which was perched a doll's house consisting of a wooden box on end, I wonder whether this new-found passion for giving children baby dolls exactly like the real thing, or teddy-bears all glorious with plush, is really making them happier than did the old make-believe toys which left so much to the imagination."

THIS REALISTIC AGE

Miss L. H. Crocker, of the Pioneer Health Centre, Peckham, commenting to the News Chronicle on this statement admitted its truth, but added:

"Miss Strudwick's statement is no argument against a realistic doll. When she was a child she probably had some lovely toys herself, but she remembers only those most familiar to her and those she used for her own imaginative purposes."

"We live in an age of skill, so the child of this age must have technically perfect toys or be separated from the reality of his environment."

Miss Strudwick, asked to reply to this, observed:

"I had not lovely toys, and did not miss them. It is a great pity that the children of to-day do not live in a simpler age, for their own sakes, poor things!"

"I notice that children who are simply brought up to know the real pleasures of fresh air and the sun and country are much happier than those who live in nurseries crowded with elaborate mechanical toys."

Girl Dances Till 2 a.m. To Pass Exams.

Stanley, Co. Durham.

Few people can hope to win one open scholarship at Oxford or Cambridge, but Joan Charlton, 16-years-old daughter of a Stanley colliery clerk, has just won two—one at each University.

And on the eve of both examinations she danced until two in the morning.

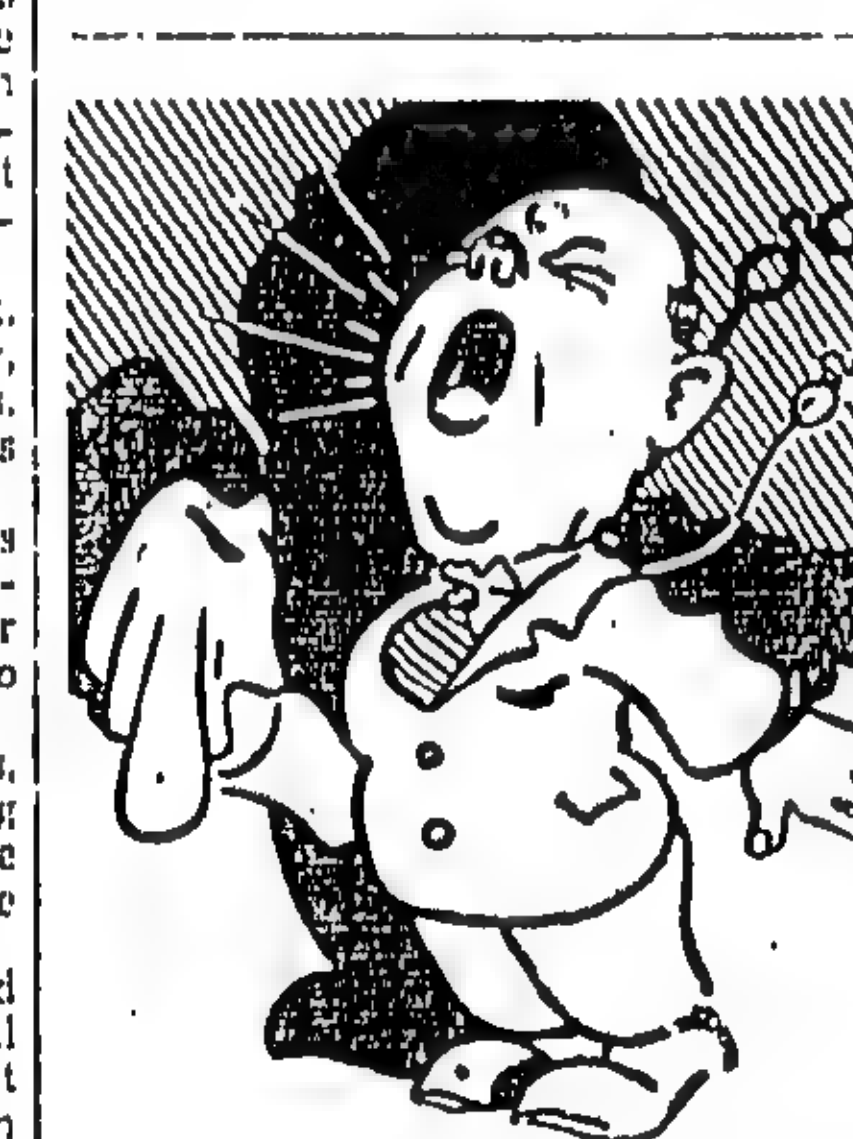
"Sweating before examinations is dangerous," she said. "When I was younger I used to get very nervous, but now I always go and dance the night before."

It was Joan's first attempt to win a scholarship.

"Rod" Turns Into Snake

Coolswater, Australia.

Bitten on the foot by a snake, William Howard reached down for a stick with which to kill it, but the "stick" turned out to be another snake, which bit him on the arm. Prompt medical attention saved Howard.



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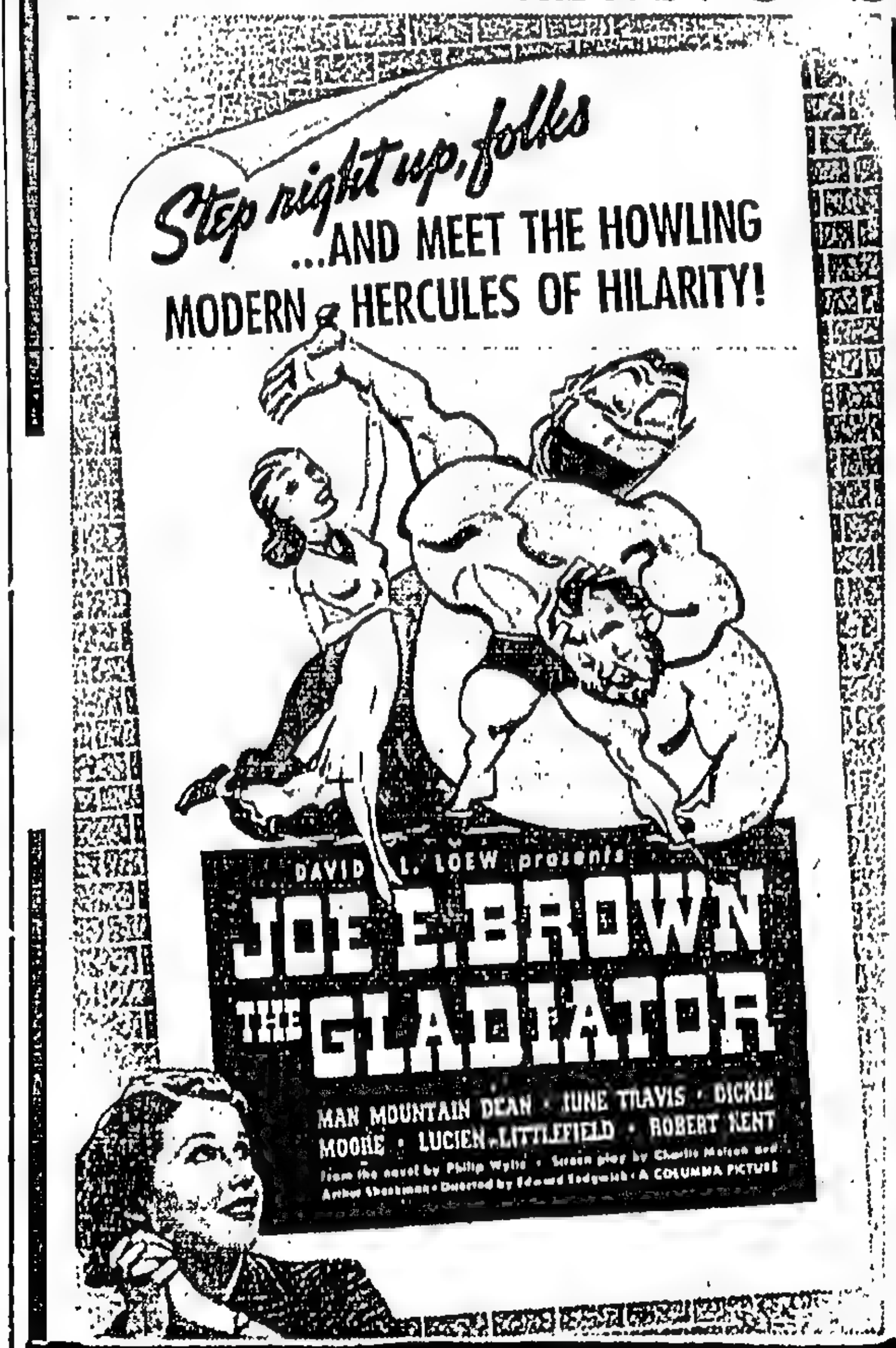
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MYSTERY OF BRITISH FILM STUDIOS

WHILE three new British films are packing cinemas up and down the country, British studio floors are only 10 per cent. active. Why is this?

Biggest success of the year seems to be "The Citadel," which was seen by 130,000 people at the Empire, Leicester-square, W., in one week.

'PYGMALION' RECORD

This audience would keep a West End play going for more than five months.

"Sixty Glorious Years," generally released recently, is taking on the average 35 per cent. more than "Victoria the Great." It has been booked solid for four and five weeks by many halls.

"Pygmalion" has broken box-office records at Hastings, Brighton, Coventry, Chesterfield and Luton. The largest hall in Sydney, N.S.W., has booked it for a three months run.

Yet to-day only eight films are being made on the 80 British studio floors, in against the peak figure of 30 in 1936.

This paradoxical prosperity is striking. The answer is simply one of finance.

CITY IS SHY

The "Era," official mouthpiece of cinema showmen, declares bluntly: "The City's confidence has been sadly shaken. Nevertheless, it is adopting the attitude of a man who, having been caught by a share-pusher, refuses to deal with the Stock Exchange. Having bought gold bricks, it will not admit the existence of gold mines."

1939 will probably see a change in the backing of British films. Instead of financing productions costing £100,000 on the doubtful gamble of the United States market, pictures costing from £25,000 to £40,000 will be encouraged. At least 40 films of this grade are already planned by Mr. Michael Balcon at Ealing, Mr. Walter Myeroff at Elstree, and Mr. Edward Black at the Gaumont studios.

BABIES IN COLD STORAGE!

Sydney. Unusual measures were taken to save the lives of five babies who collapsed during a heat wave at Griffith, N.S.W.

On the advice of doctors they were placed in the Griffith Producers' cool stores, where a moderate temperature was specially maintained.

Their parents sat beside the babies during a week-end.

Woman's Record As Ground Engineer

THE honour of being the only woman in Queensland to hold the certificate of a ground engineer, belongs to Mrs. G. R. Bell, who recently arrived in Brisbane with her husband, who is Queensland Traffic Manager of Airlines of Australia.

When Squadron-Leader Bell was air-liaison officer with the R.A.A.F. in London 10 years ago, his wife, who has always been intensely interested in aeroplanes, trained for her certificate with the de Havilland Company in Stag Lane.

"It didn't seem to me particularly clever," said Mrs. Bell, when talking of her award. "My number was 444, which shows that 443 other people had obtained certificates before me."

Byrn in Tasmania, Mrs. Bell has spent a lot of time abroad, and next to aeroplanes, riding is her chief hobby. She has one daughter, aged 11.

A GREAT HELP

With her qualifications, Mrs. Bell should be of great help to the aviation section of the Women's Defence Legion, of which Mrs. E. F. Finlay is in charge, and in which Mrs. Bell has shown her interest by consenting to take charge of the transport section.

Although the section is yet in its infancy, plans are being formulated for training and drill, and Mrs. Bell hopes to provide her volunteers with facilities for driving heavy vehicles, convey driving, and driving as a body.

Women of any age from 17-50 are acceptable as volunteers, if they can drive a car, a motor boat, or a motor cycle, ride a horse or a bicycle, know anything about mechanics, or would accept positions as cleaners or orderlies.

Indian Bride Runs Away

New York. Recently, Arthur Ochiltree, Scottish-born New York opera singer, should have been spending the first day of his honeymoon.

Instead, he is wondering where his sweetheart, an exotic Indian under-graduate, Bonnie Bee Berryhill, could be hiding.

While he was making final plans for the marriage, his fiancée fled from New York. A telegram to friends told Ochiltree: "I can't go through with the marriage. I have run away."

EMPIRE NEWS

AUSTRALIA

FLOUR EXCISE TAX OPPOSED

SYDNEY. A strong agitation has developed in Socialist circles against the Government's imposition of an Excise tax on flour to finance the subsidy to wheat growers. There is to be a local consumption price of 4s. 8d. a bushel.

Wheat used in Australia only amounts to about one-third of the total production, and the overseas price is now the equivalent only of 1s. 10d. a bushel. As was inevitable, bakers have had to pass on the flour tax to the bread consumer by increasing the price by 1s. a 2lb. loaf.

Labour admits that the wheat-grower must be helped, but contends that this should be done out of general taxation revenue.

Physical Education Chief, Mr. Gordon Young, until recently Director of Physical Education at the Y.M.C.A. in London, has arrived to become the first Director of Physical Education to the New South Wales Government.

JAMAICA

CENSUS TO BE TAKEN NEXT YEAR

Kingston. The Legislative Council recently decided to take a census of the island next year at a cost of £25,000. In 1931 a request for a census was rejected by the Council on the ground of economy.

MAURITIUS

LAND SETTLEMENT FOR UNEMPLOYED

Port Louis. The Government recently began a new land settlement plan in the Midlands district to relieve unemployment in the sugar cane plantations in the northern and western parts of the island. The drought this year has caused heavy destruction of cane.

The unemployed began a march on the capital, asking for a dole or work, but were stopped by the police.

The co-operation between the new Labour Department and planters is bearing fruit. The Government is daily transporting men in special trains from the workless districts to the less affected areas where work is still available.

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High enthusiasm greeted French Premier Edouard Daladier as he arrived in Bizerta, Tunisia, to inspect France's March line of fortifications between French North Africa and Italian Libya. Here he is welcomed by Tunisian children.

For 80 Years He Lived In The Dark

COMBE HAY (near Bath, Somerset).

AFTER living in terror of daylight for eighty years, Mr. George Edward Smart, Lord of the Manor of Combe Hay, was carried by villagers to Combe Hay church just after dusk recently to lie in his coffin before the altar in the darkness he loved.

When he was nine years old, his eyes were injured while he was at play with a school friend. Ever since, then daylight, or anything white, caused agony to his eyes.

Life was unbearable unless he turned day into night, night into day. He died at the age of eighty-nine.

One of the staff of the Manor House of Combe Hay told me to-night—

"Mr. Smart slept all day with his room closely shuttered against daylight. As soon as it was dark he would get up. He generally listened to the radio until midnight.

"Then he would have his lunch and go out for a drive in his car before returning for his tea. Just before dawn he would go back to bed."

In the beautiful gardens of Combe Hay Manor, where there is a lake, Mr. Smart built an Italian garden and a grove of shells which were sent from all over the world.

The lake, the grove and the garden he saw only by moonlight. One of his greatest interests was agriculture, but he could visit agricultural shows only at night, long after they had closed for the day.

It used to go round the cattle pens and other exhibits with a torch.

His servants had to read to him anything printed on white paper. Though the villagers of Combe Hay hardly ever saw their lord of the manor, he was immensely popular with them for his generosity. Years ago, in his young days, he made the manor famous for its parties and social gatherings, always at night.

Suez Film Not To Be Banned

Paris. A Paris Court recently rejected two applications for a ban on the film "Suez" pending legal action. The film is based on a romance woven round the building of the Suez Canal.

The application was made by M. Paul de Lesseps, a son of Ferdinand de Lesseps, the builder of the canal, and the Marquis de Casa Fuerte, a grandnephew of Empress Eugenie, who is represented in the film by Lorette Young.

Giving the court's decision, Judge Mallefaut declared: "This film, which has no claim to literary, artistic or historic merits, contains blunders and improbable or ingenious incidents calculated to evoke wrath rather than imagination."

"It contains no message likely to sully the memory of Eugenie de Montijo and Ferdinand de Lesseps in the mind of the audience. There is, therefore, no reason for preventing the exhibition of the film."

"Though foreign, the film very opportunely recalls that the creation of the Suez Canal was a French work."

"Private Room On Wheels For Basil And Betty"

CANBERRA.

A profound change in the relation of the sexes had been brought about by the intention of the automobile, said Professor G. V. Portus, of Adelaide University, to the history section of the Science Congress. Basil could now meet Betty in a private room on wheels, and nobody could say nay, he added.

Snob 'Insult' To Golf Club

NEW complaints of "snobbery" by members of Hastings Downs Golf Club towards artisan members were made at Hastings Town Council meeting recently.

The Council was again considering the proposal to grant £100 a year to the club. The proposal was carried by 24 votes to 11.

Councillor Riddle, who made charges of snobbery at the council's last meeting, quoted from the letter, which was written by an artisan member:

"The other day some of our chaps were playing when four so-called gentlemen cut in. Just as an artisan was taking his shot one of the gentlemen said: 'We are allowed to play through you.'"

"ONLY ARTISANS" "The artisan said: 'We are sorry, but you have cut in, and so lose your right to the course.' The gentlemen refused, saying 'You are only artisan members; you are not of the same standing as us.'"

"As for the matches they (the full members) claim to have played with us, we have had one since the club has been formed. We don't approach them for a game because of Rule 16, which states that no artisan member is permitted to play with a member of the present club except by invitation of the latter."

"On behalf of the artisans, whom I am sure are with me, I thank you

for showing the public what snobs 99 per cent. of the golf club are."

Councillor Goldman said: "As one of the snobs referred to in that letter which Councillor Riddle, by means best known to himself, has sent to himself, I protest on behalf of 200 members at his insult which Councillor Riddle has so foolishly flung at the club."



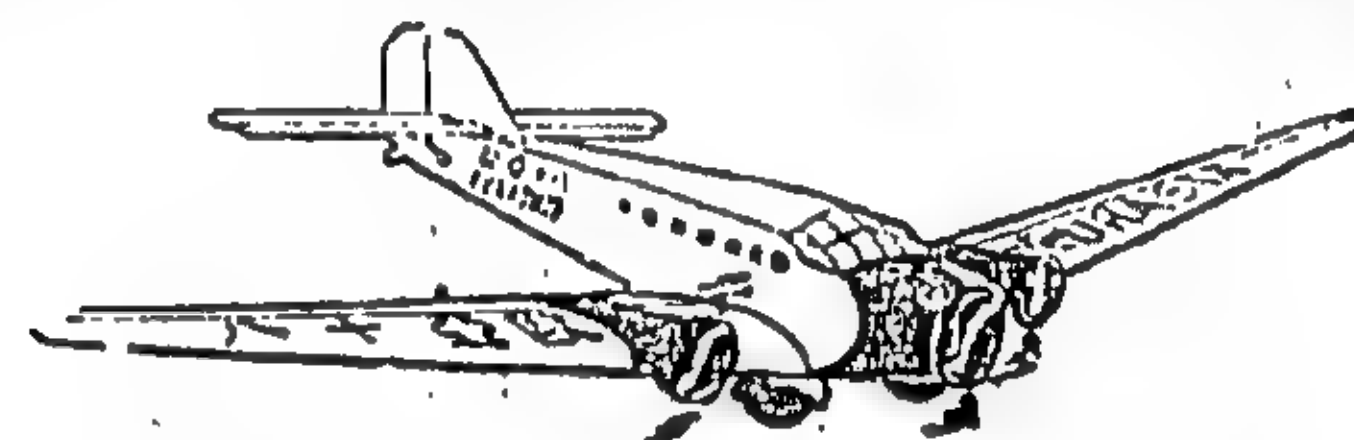
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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Bank, £ (x.d.)	1.385 b
H.K. Bank, £ (x.d.)	.85 n
Chartered, £	.07 n
Mercantile, A. & B. £	.27 n
Mercantile, C. £	.13 n
East Asia, £	.08 n

INSURANCES	
Canton, £	.217 n
Union, £	.480 n
China Underwriters, £	.30 n
H.K. Fire, £	.180 n

SHIPPING	
Douglas, £	.07 b
Stamboat, £	.15 n
Indo-China, P. £	.60 n
Indo-China, D. £	.24 n
Shell Bearer, £	.84 n
Waterboats, £	.0 n

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves, £	.118 n
Docks (old), £	.17.70 n
Docks (new), £	.103 n
Providents (old), £	.64 n
Providents (new), £	.62 n
New Eng. Sh., £	.6 n
Shu. Docks, £	.95 n

MINING	
Kailan, £	.17.73 n
Raubs, £	.820 b
Wong, £	.3 n
Hongkong Mines, £	.5 n

LANDS	
Hotels, £	.675 n
Land, £	.30 b
Land, 4% deb., £	.107 n
Shai Lands, £	.8.60 n
Humphreys, £ (x.d.)	.8.55 n
H.K. Realities, £	.100 n
Chinese Estates, £	.100 n

UTILITIES	
Trams, £	.161 n
Peak Trams (old), £	.8 n
Peak Trams (new), £	.4 n
Star Ferries, £	.08 n
Y. Ferries (old), £	.23 n
Y. Ferries (new), £	.22 n
China Lights, £	.8.40 b
China Light (new), £	.5 n
H.K. Electric, £	.18 n
Sandakan Lights, £	.9.85 n
Telephones (old), £	.22 n
Telephones (new), £	.73 n
Tractions, £ (x.d.)	.24 n
Tractions (Pref.), £	.23 n

INDUSTRIAL	
Cald. Macg. (ord.), £	.14 n
Cald. Macg. (Pro.), £	.13 n
Canton Ice, £	.1 b
Coments, £	.15 n
H.K. Ropes, £	.4 n

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms, £	.24 b
Watsons, £	.74 b
Lane Crawford, £	.13 n
Sincere, £	.13 n
Wing On (H.K.), £	.41 n
Powell, Ltd. etc., £	.60 n

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh., £	.17.70 n
Shai Cotton Sh., £	.103 n
Zoong Sings, £	.24 n
Wing On Textiles, £	.42 n

MISC.	
H.K. Entertainment, £	.7 b
Constructions, £	.13 n
Vibro Piling, £	.6.00 n
Ch. Govt. 5% 1025, £	.07 n
G.S. Bonds, £	.07 n
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 3% prn., £	.07 n
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Marsmans (Lond.), £	.15 n
Marsmans (H.K.), £	.3/9 b

BELLERS	
Union Insurance, £	.475 b
H. & S. Hotels, £	.8 n
Yamult Ferries (New), £	.22 n
Telephones (Old), £	.22 n
Bagulo Gold, £	.27 n
Benguet Mines, £	.13.50 n
Demonstrations, £	.16 n
Paracels, £	.14 n
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Canton Insurance, £21.71 n	Union Insurance, £48 n
H.K. Fire, £100 n	Douglas, £87 n
Raubs, £8.20 b	H. & S. Hotels, £8 n
H.K. Realities, £15 n	H.K. Tramways, £15.05 n
China Light, £8.40 b	H.K. Electric, £18 n
Sandakan Lights, £9.85 n	H.K. Electric, £18 n
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Dairy Farms, £24 b	Watsons, £74 b
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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 4th March, 1939 to Saturday, 11th March, 1939 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
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 Hongkong, 17th February, 1939.

Iran Crown Prince On Way To Bride

Bahdad, Feb. 26.—The Crown Prince of Iran, Mohammed Reza, now on his way to Cairo to sign the marriage contract for his alliance with the Egyptian Princess Fawzia, arrived here today.

The Prince was met at the Iraqi frontier by Prince Abdul Ilah, and the deputy Prime Minister.

At the Baghdad railway station, the Prince was welcomed by Prince Zaid, representing the King, and was accompanied by members of the Iraqi Cabinet.

In the evening, King Ghazi gave a banquet in the royal palace in honour of the guest.

Signature of the marriage will be made on March 16, and the Crown Prince and Princess will go to Tehran where the festivities will be held from April 21 to April 24.—Trans-Oriental.

CHINESE PAINTINGS

St. John's Cathedral Hall Exhibition Opened

An exhibition of art by eight Chinese painters was opened at St. John's Cathedral Hall on Saturday. Works were shown by Leung Yik-yu, Woo Kiu-shing, Wong Ting-ping, Au Siu-yim, Cheung Sun-cho, Cheung Siu-kei, Che Hui and Chiu Shiu-ngong.

Joint pictures by Mr. Wong and Mr. Leung, and Mr. Wong and Mr. Woo were included; the two artists have combined in several attractive studies of birds and animals in natural settings.

Mr. Woo's individual pictures stood out by reason of his characteristic lofty perspectives and neat detail.

Mr. Au showed special aptitude in his studies of fish, delicately seen through the water.

The most striking exhibits, however, were by Mr. Cheung Siu-kei, who had given his imagination rein in two allegorical subjects and had also produced some excellent full length pictures of old time Chinese country people.

The exhibition closes at 7 p.m. today.

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Japanese Lodge Second Protest

Shanghai, Feb. 27.

It was understood that the Municipal Council's reply to the first Japanese protest which was handed to Consul-General Mura by Chairman C. S. Franklin of the Council on Saturday failing to satisfy them, the Japanese military, naval and consular authorities, following another emergency conference aboard the flagship Izumo on Sunday, have decided to lodge a second protest with the Municipal Council.

It is pointed out that the Japanese authorities were still maintaining the attitude of co-operation with the Municipal Council in principle. In the event, however, the latter definitely fails to show "good faith" in dealing with the present situation, they are prepared to proceed with "effective and adequate" measures by taking an "independent and positive" attitude.

Sunday's emergency conference aboard the Izumo, flagship of the Japanese Fleet in China Waters, was attended by Vice-Admiral Koshiro Okawa, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Fleet in China Waters, Mr. Yoshitaki Mura, Japanese Consul-General, and other military, naval and consular officials.—Domei.

Y'S MEN'S CLUB To Meet World Touring Ambassador

Members of the local Y's Men's Club will meet Mr. Paul Sterner, Past President of the Honolulu Y's Men's Club, at a special meeting in the China Building at 7.30 p.m. today.

Mr. Sterner is serving as Ambassador for the International Y's Men's Clubs and is visiting all the Clubs in the course of a world tour.

Dr. Li Shi-pui asks members to make their reservations with Dr. F. I. Tzoung, Tel. No. 24106.

U.S. DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

Berlin, Feb. 26.

Political circles welcome the appointment of Mr. Raymond Geist, first secretary at the American Embassy, to the post of Charge d'Affaires, replacing the late Mr. Prentiss Gilbert.

It is emphasized that Mr. Geist, who has been in Berlin for eight years, enjoys the best personal relations with German official circles, and it is assumed that he will work for a German-American agreement.—Reuter.

Cowardly Attack On Taxi-Driver Soldiers Fined

A cowardly attack by two soldiers on a taxi-driver had a sequel in Central Court this morning when Gunner John Buller and Gunner James Baxter, both 21 years of age, were fined \$10 each for assaulting Leung Wah. In addition, Buller was ordered to pay \$5 compensation.

The assault on the driver took place after three men had alighted from the taxi at the entrance to Mt. Davis forts and refused to pay their fare, amounting to \$2.20.

Buller, in evidence, said: "I was very drunk at the time and don't remember what happened."

Baxter, said "I didn't strike the man, I ejected him from military property as part of my duty."

An officer told the Court that the gate man had orders not to allow any person into the forts unless he held a military pass or was accompanied by military personnel.

In this case, I think Baxter exceeded his duty. The taxi-driver was entitled to his fare and if the soldier had any doubts he could have telephoned and ascertained his duty."

The taxi-driver, who denied that any of his passengers were drunk, revealed that he has lost two days' pay as a result of the assault. He had to make up the difference between \$1, which one man subsequently tendered, and \$2.20.

RIOTING IN MEXICO 43 Killed In La Palma Fighting

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 26.

FORTY-THREE are reported to have been killed in a clash between Federal troops and a band of 100 well-armed marauders at La Palma in the Sinaloa State.

The death roll comprised three Federal officers, ten soldiers, and thirty marauders, the remaining bandits dispersing in the neighbouring mountains.

An unconfirmed report says that General Menchaca, chief of the Federal troops in charge of the operation, was also killed.

The movement is stated to be isolated, and was in no way organized.—Reuter.

Appeal To Insurgent Government

Marseilles, Feb. 26.

M. Flaudin, speaking at a banquet of the Alliance Democratique to-day said:

"Let us hope that in the field of foreign policy, recognition of the Spanish Insurgent Government will end the Spanish civil war, and mark the beginning of an era of European appeasement, of which the commercial negotiations between London and Berlin are the first manifestation."

"Let us also hope that the Government, which again has found it has a new and faithful majority, will go forward on the road of action."—United Press.

JAPANESE TERRIFIC AIR LOSS

(Continued from Page 1.)

1,010 machines lost to the Japanese, 221 were shot down by the Chinese air force in midair, 179 were destroyed by the Chinese air force on the ground, 83 were shot down by Chinese anti-aircraft guns during raids, 107 were destroyed by Chinese troops. 110 were forced down behind Chinese lines, 27 were damaged, forced down and reported still missing, and 263 were lost in landings and accidents.

The spokesman said that the number of accidents estimated, namely 263, is an under- rather than an over-estimation.—Central News.

PALESTINE PLAN: JEW DELEGATION

(Continued from Page 1.)

Arab State would be set up in Palestine, several hundreds of young Arabs entered Haifa to-day to hold public demonstrations to express their joy.

Dancing and singing, they marched through the town shouting "Palestine for the Arabs! Long Live Haj Amin!" (Haj Amin is the Mufti).

Almost at the same time, a British steamer arrived at Haifa bringing a large number of British police to reinforce those of the mandated authorities in Palestine.—Trans-Ocean.

British Planes For Kunming

Kunming, Feb. 26.

It is reliably stated that Imperial Airways planes will begin flying from Hongkong to Kunming on March 20, while passenger and mail planes of the Sino-American China National Aviation Corporation will fly directly from Chungking to Hongkong.—United Press.

Downing Street Skirmish

PARIS, Feb. 26.

"WE WILL NOT permit anyone to touch our Empire built with the blood and labour of Frenchmen. We will maintain our sovereignty and territory intact."

These words were spoken by M. Georges Bonnet in a speech at Gourdon to-day, when he explained that recognition of the Franco Government was necessary because France wanted neighbourly relations with Spain. She wished to re-establish commercial relations with her, and did not wish to have a new frontier to defend.

M. Bonnet said that at the same time as Franco-German relations were improving, Anglo-French relations were becoming increasingly close, and the recent speeches of Viscount Halifax and Mr. Chamberlain showed the whole world the complete solidarity of Britain and France.—Reuter.

LONDON DEMONSTRATION

London, Feb. 26.

The British decision to recognise General Franco, which is expected to be announced to-morrow, had a polemic sequel at Whitehall this afternoon.

A demonstration of protest against the Government's action held in Trafalgar Square, was addressed by Mr. Clement Attlee, Mr. Herbert Morrison and Miss Ellen Wilkinson, and interrupted by protagonists of the Popular Front.

A resolution was passed viewing the Government's policy "with shame and abhorrence."

The crowd desired to march to Downing Street, but Mr. Attlee and Mr. Morrison and other leaders took the resolution to No. 10 Downing Street by taxi.

The Labour crowd followed on foot, shouting slogans.

Upon arrival they found the entrance to Downing Street guarded by mounted police.

There was nothing more serious than one small skirmish between the police and a group of demonstrators waving Spanish flags.—Reuter.

ITALY SEEKS SUPPORT FROM POLAND

Warsaw, Feb. 26.

Count Ciano had a conversation with Count Ciano pressed for a definition of the Polish attitude towards Italian claims against France lend special interest to Colonel Beck's speech last night, which is interpreted as a hint that Poland has no intention of giving tacit support to a policy which might injure the interests of her French ally.

Colonel Beck would doubtless like to obtain a clear statement of Signor Mussolini's attitude towards the extension of Germany's commercial and political influence in south-east Europe, since Poland was disappointed by the failure of the Anglo-German arbitration to award Ruthenia to Hungary, which would have created a Polish-Hungarian frontier.

Polish circles regard the present frontier as a potential source of trouble, and the centre of anti-Polish Ukrainian propaganda.—Reuter.

Warships Mass At Gibraltar

Gibraltar, Feb. 26.

Over 100 British warships will be in the harbour with the scheduled arrival here to-day of the Mediterranean Fleet, together with 12 admirals, including Sir Dudley Pound, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet in the battleship Warspite, and Sir Charles Forbes, Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet in the battleship Nelson.—United Press.

Chinese Victory In Honan

Chungking, Feb. 26.

Chinese reports from Loyang state that Chinese troops scored a very important victory east of Honan during the last three months, when they killed approximately 1,000 Japanese and routed the remainder of a large force at Changyiching.—United Press.

K.C.C. XI To Play Volunteers

The following team will represent the K.C.C. against the Volunteers in a cricket match at 2 p.m. to-morrow, starting at 2 p.m.

D. J. N. Anderson, E. C. Fincher, R. E. Lee, S. V. Gittens, R. T. Broadbridge, K. M. Baxter, N. A. E. MacKay, T. A. Madar, B. D. Lay, G. E. Taylor, and G. A. Goodban. Reserve—F. A. Broadbridge.

Why Kuling Foreigners Are Staying

Loyalty to duty and to the Chinese dependent on them is responsible for the continued presence in Kuling of some of the little band of Americans still at the mountain resort, according to the former fellow residents, who recently arrived here.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Libby refused to consider abandoning their tubercular home which they conduct.

Miss Rachel Nostrom prefers risking her life to abandoning the group of Chinese girl students she took there from Nanking before the latter city fell.

Miss Nancy Fry, the only foreign nurse in Kuling, is prepared to nurse Chinese civilians who may be wounded by the threatened air raids.

Among other Americans in Kuling are some too old or infirm to undertake the arduous journey to Kuikwang.

Mr. Henry Baker, a resident at Kuling for over 30 years is 76.

The Rev. Wesley Lawton and the Rev. Hugh White and their wives are all over 70 years of age.

The Americans are using the American school as a concentration point where they intend to gather during the threatened raids.

It is a four-story building of reinforced concrete, which could only be damaged by a direct hit.—United Press.

AUDACIOUS LEAFLET

PROBABLY THE most astonishing and audacious leaflet yet distributed by the Japanese military forces during the Sino-Japanese conflict was that which army planes dropped on Kuling on January 19, three days after the Japanese had bombed the mountain with high explosives.

The document, printed in English, was remarkable, both for its grammatical construction, and its "terms."

In it, the Japanese alleged that the army and navy authorities, in conjunction with third Powers, had agreed that henceforth foreigners in Kuling had forfeited their nationality, that they were regarded as subjects of the Chiang Kai-shek regime, and therefore would have to take the consequences of a Japanese offensive against Kuling.

The leaflet, however, tells its own story more effectively, the following being a copy recently received in Hongkong from a Kuling resident: "TO ALL FOREIGNERS"

REMAINING AT LUSHAN

"Despite the warning during the campaign for the attack of Lushan that the army has requested you often to come down the mountain in anticipation of your being endangered, you failed to listen to our sincere warning remaining there, and rather dared to show the attitude of supporting the enemy side."

"It has been decided at the conference between the army and navy and the third Power authorities on December 6, 1938, at Kuikwang that you be regarded to have separated from your respective nationality and have united yourselves with the Chiang Kai-shek regime. The army will before long, launch a complete offensive operation against the remnants around the Lushan area."

"IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED"

"That the army assumes no responsibility hereafter for a serious danger which might be inflicted on you in connection with this operation."

"January 16, 1939. On behalf of the Imperial Japanese Army."

Although the leaflet was dated January 16, it was not showered upon the Kuling residents until three days later.

Indeed, on the 16th, the Japanese raided the mountain resort and dropped many bombs, causing a considerable amount of damage to foreign property.

Swiss Correspondent Expelled By Italy

Rome, Feb. 26.

The Italian Government has ordered the expulsion from Italy of the Swiss Journalist, Paul Genizon, for 12 years Rome correspondent of the Paris "Le Temps," Robert Hodol, correspondent of the Zurich "Neuezeitung," who has lived in Italy for 20 years, and Luigi Pedrazzini, Rome correspondent of the Mittel Press Agency at Berne.

The three men were summoned to the police station this morning and informed they must leave the country by midnight on March 15.

No official explanation for the expulsions is given.—United Press.

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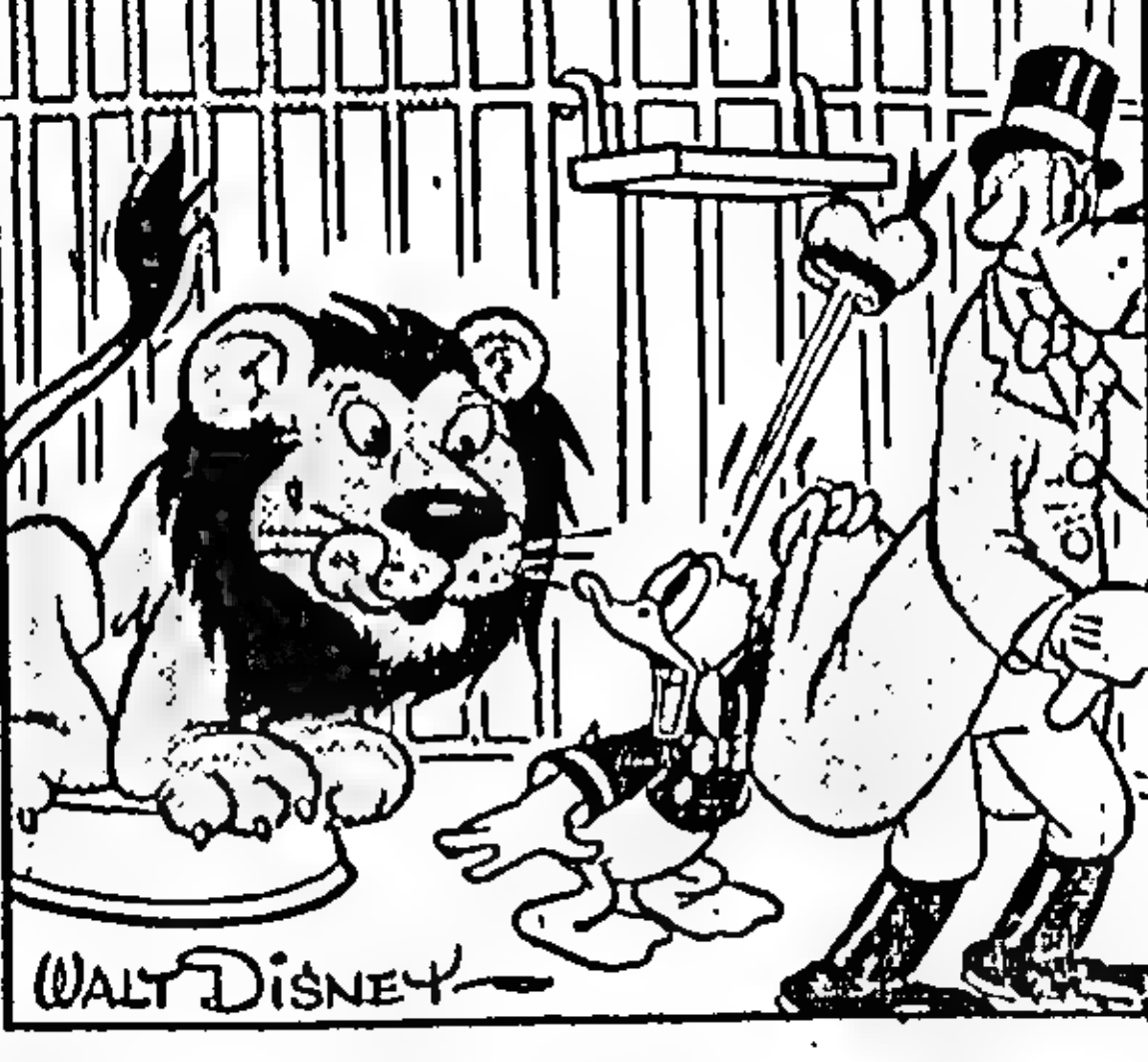
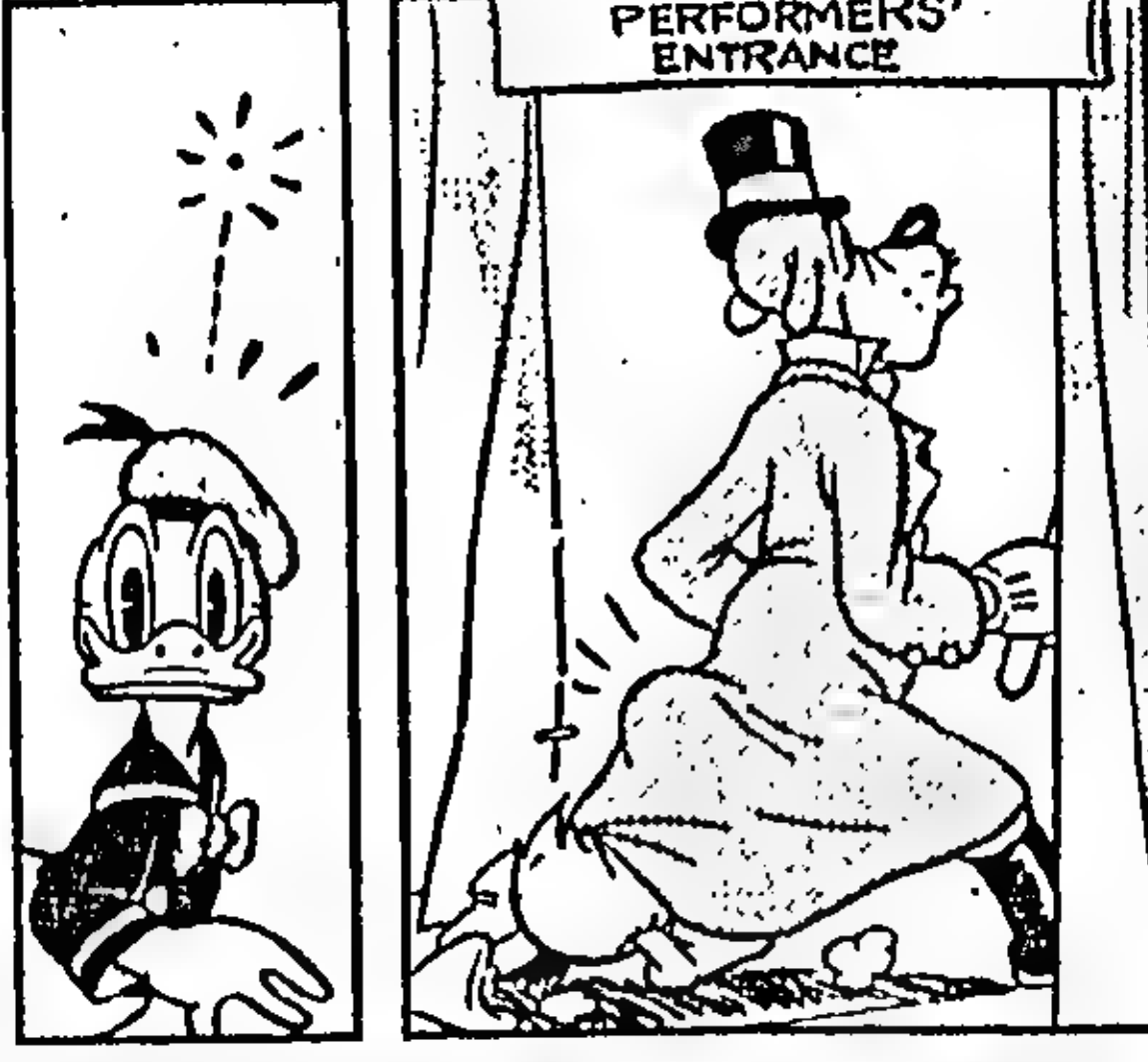
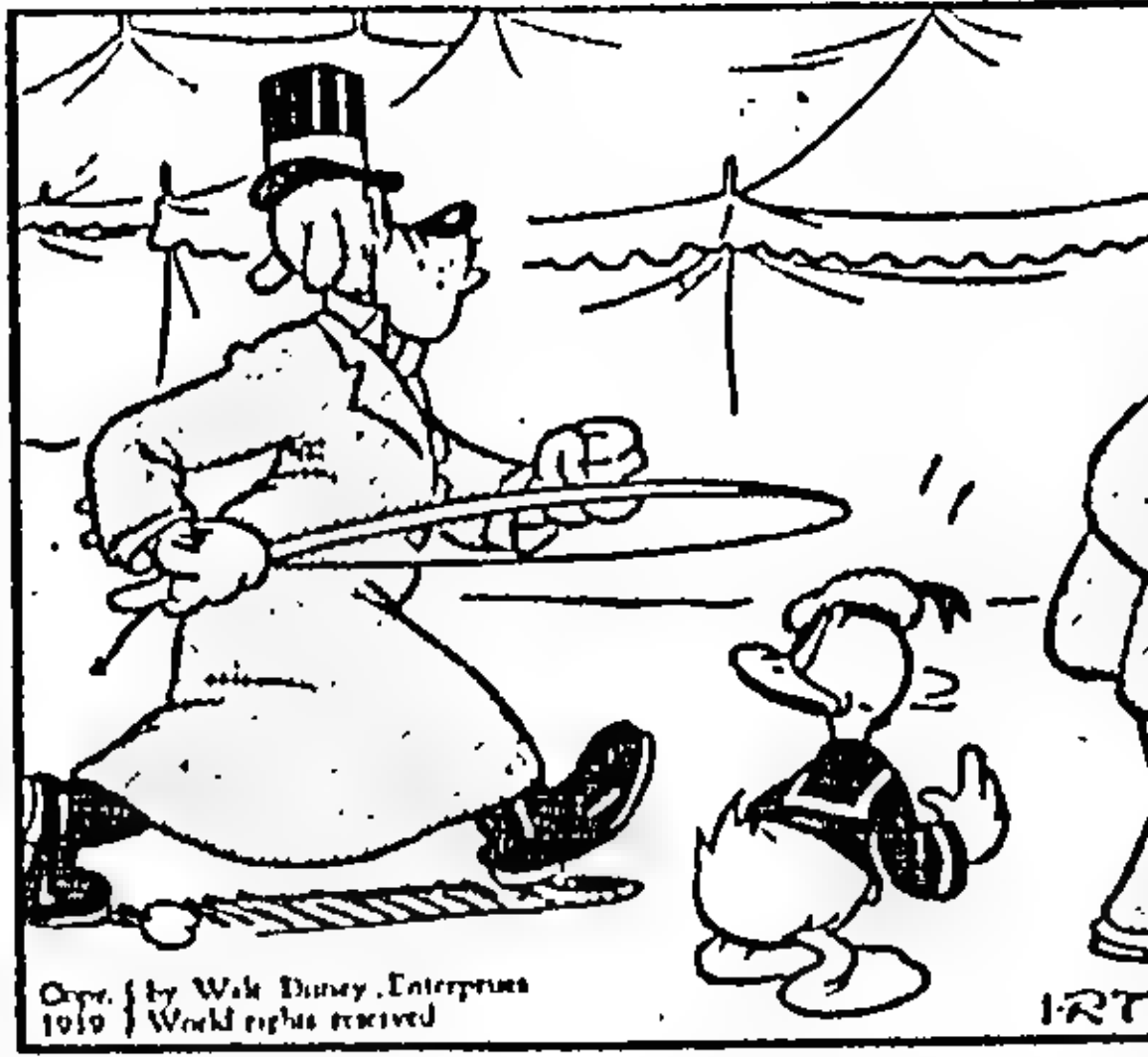
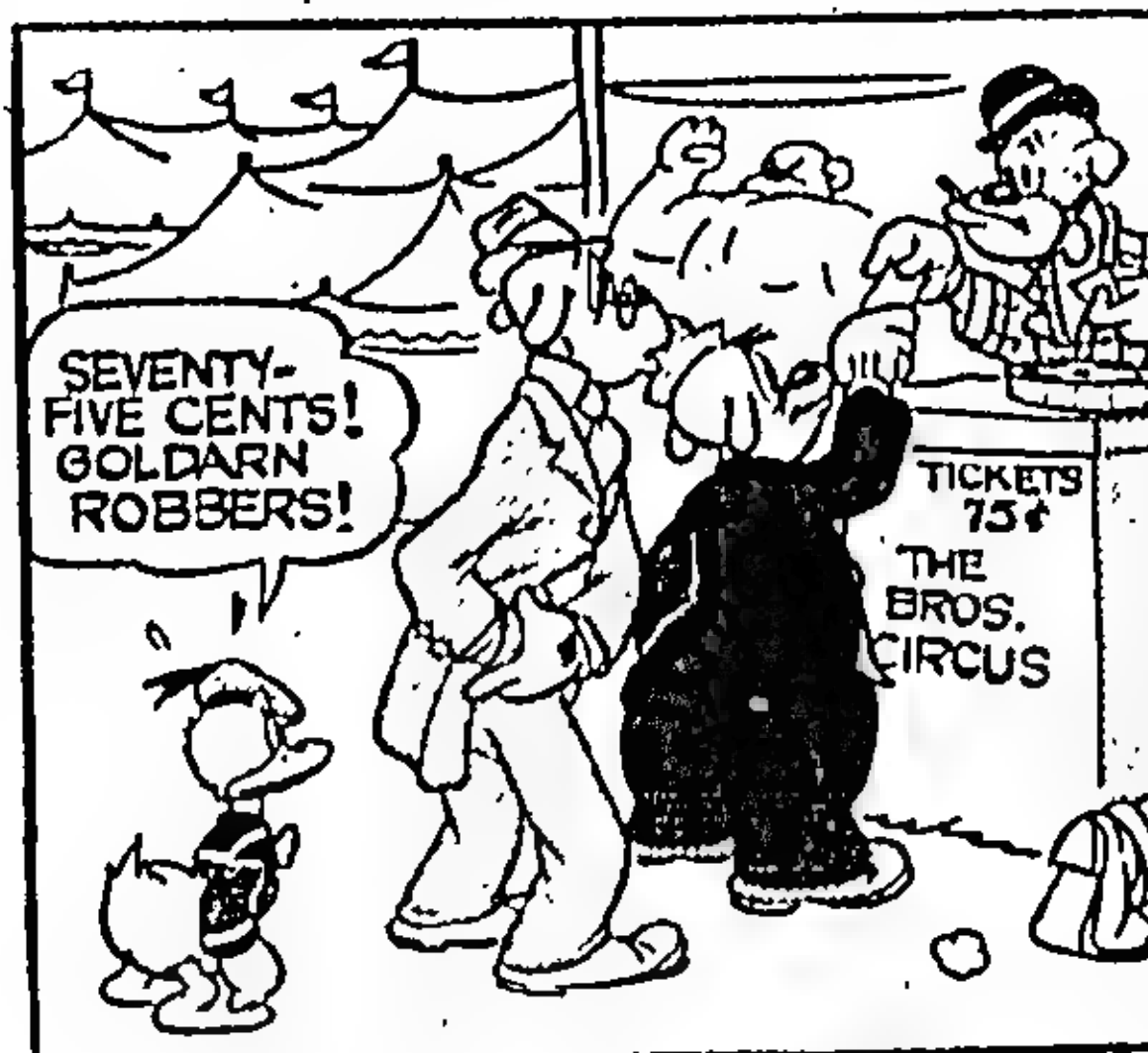
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POST OFFICE.

RACE HOLIDAYS
 The Money Order Office will be open to the Public from 10 a.m. to Noon, during the Races, on February 27 and 28, and March 1, 1939.

MAIL LETTERS
 Ordinary letter mail only for West Kwantung, Kwangsi, Szechwan, Kweichow and Hunan will be accepted

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WEDDING

**Mr. V. Bonwell And
Miss K. Winch**

Two popular hockey players were united at St. Andrew's Church on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Kathleen Winch became the bride of Mr. Vincent M. Bonwell.

THE BRIDE who is the daughter of Mr. S. S. Winch, chairman of the Civil Establishment, Naval Yard, and Mrs. Winch, of 180a Nathan Road, is a member of the younger social set, and has made a name for herself in the annual Pantomimes of the Y.M.C.A.

She was given away in marriage by her father, and chose for her wedding dress, a creation of white French figured tulle, with a veil of net and embroidered satin. The dress was made by Messrs. Lane Crawford Ltd. She carried a bouquet of white roses.

The Misses Brenda Rowell and Joyce Shirley acted as bridesmaids in dainty frocks of shell pink tulle. In place of the conventional bouquets they carried novel pink carnation handbags.

The bridegroom, who is a Sanitary Inspector, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bonwell of Warwickshire, England. He is a member of the Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club and I.K. Hockey Club, being the goal-keeper for the hockey teams.

Mr. Robert A. Bates undertook the duties of best man.

The Rev. J. R. Higgs, Vicar of St. Andrew's, officiated and Mr. Rupert Baldwin was at the organ.

The reception was held at the China Light and Power Recreation Club, King's Park.

The bride's mother was present in a smart ensemble in mustard and brown, with accessories to match.

When Mrs. Bonwell left for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Repulse Bay, she wore a charming model in turquoise blue with accessories to match.

Hines Found Guilty

**Released On Huge Bail
Pending Sentence**

New York, Feb. 25. The former Tammany Hall leader, James J. Hines, was today found guilty on all counts of bribery and operating a racket, at the close of his re-trial. He is liable to a maximum sentence of 27 years imprisonment.—*Reuter*.

Released on Bail
Sentence will be passed on March 13, pending which James Hines will be released on bail of \$20,000.

Mr. Lloyd Paul Stryker, defence counsel, stated that an appeal will be lodged immediately. Hines was released on bail of \$20,000.

The most sensational criminal trial in recent years came to an end with dramatic suddenness shortly after the jury had returned to the court for the third time for instructions after deliberating for five hours. Mrs. Hines was not in court when the verdict was announced, although she attended every session both at the first and second trials.

Twelve counts of the indictment concerned charges of felony, each carrying a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment. They related to specific cases of actual participation by Hines in the drawing of "policy games" run by the late gangster, Dutch Schultz, and members of his gang who operated a \$20,000,000 illegal racket. The maximum sentence is three years imprisonment.

In his summing up to which all the members of Hines' family listened intently for 90 minutes, Judge Nott told the jury that it would be their duty to decide two questions, namely, was an unlawful combination of "policy banks" formed and did it receive the protective and political influence of Hines through the police courts and other judicial officers? Was Hines a party to the conspiracy? Counsel added that Hines was convicted out of the mouths of his friends. Without him leaders like him of organized crime could not exist for five minutes.

Judge Nott commented the jury on their verdict which he described as just and fair and in accord with the facts.

Dutch Schultz, beer baron, was murdered in 1935.—*Reuter*.

JAPANESE WOMEN WANT VOTE

Australian Teachers Told Of Struggle

The woman's point of view on "cabbages and kings" was well aired at a recent round-table chat in Tokyo when a party of educated Japanese women entertained five Australian teachers who were in Japan as the guests of the Board of Tourist Industry.

The Australian teachers, who passed through Hongkong on Saturday on their way home by the Kamo Maru, heard with particular interest the story of the struggle which Japanese women are making for suffrage. In the vehemence of their claim the Japanese women exhibited much of the spirit of the British suffragettes.

They were consequently surprised to learn that the Australian woman regards the vote very much as a matter of course; in fact, as rather a bother than a blessing. They politely but firmly disbelieved in such apathy.

The teachers—Misses E. Hanger, H. M. Stay, E. M. Luke, I. C. Ryan, and A. M. Pittman—reported that they had been lavishly, almost exhaustingly, entertained and that their tour had been thoroughly delightful. "We seem to have been a success," Miss Pittman commented, "for they are talking of inviting 10 Australian teachers next year."

Highlights of Tour
In a tour that was a crowded series of experiences the highlights were, perhaps, both associated with the radio. One of these was the occasion of a gathering of 3,000 teachers in Tokyo at which Miss Stay, taking her first turn in the long round of speech-making, delivered an address that was broadcast throughout Japan.

The feature of this occasion was the performance of the ceremonial Bugaku, or musical play, played outside the Court for the special benefit of the Australian visitors. At the conclusion of the function, a great choir sang, very beautifully, the "Kimigayo," or Japanese National Anthem, and followed it with "God Save The King."

Misses Hanger and Ryan were the stars in the radio show, when they broadcast on short wave to Australia. "We will bring back to Australia with us the memory of a most charming people and a beautiful country," said Miss Ryan. "We have been deeply impressed with the well-equipped schools, where the children's progress is so carefully watched. Everything is done to make them familiar with homelife. We have found the greatest goodwill and friendship towards us at every turn."

Miss Hanger had the satisfaction of learning that every word was heard by her people in Gympie, Queensland.

Cherished By Children
The teacher is supposed to be an enemy to children, but the Japanese children have the Australian visitors a friendly and often offensive welcome. Children waving flags met them at schools and at railway stopping places; the flags were normally Australian and Japanese, but there was one amusing slip-up when the children turned out with only Japanese flags. This, however, could be understood as there is a regular interchange of goodwill missions between Japan and America. One gathering of children and on a Sunday afternoon, too—numbered 2,000.

With regard to the war the teachers found the people to be under the apparently honest impression that they were bringing peace to China. Only in one case did they hear an other view; that was when a man said to them: "You see how crowded we are here. That is why we are invading China."

M.C.L. FLAG DAY

A successful Flag Day, organised by the Minorities League and Minorities Children's League was held on Saturday, depots being established at the Cheero Club, Hongkong, and the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

On Friday night Mrs. T. H. King broadcast an appeal to the Public to support the Flag Day, the proceeds of which will be devoted to worthy causes.

The total amount collected on Saturday will not be known till today.

OBITUARY

American Diplomat In Berlin Dies

Berlin, Feb. 24. Mr. Prentiss B. Gilbert, the United States Charge d'Affaires, died suddenly to-day from a heart attack.—*Reuter*.

Mr. Prentiss Bailey Gilbert, former United States "observer" at Geneva, was born at Rochester, N.Y., in 1893, the son of an officer. He studied at various universities and after graduating at Yale took further courses at Columbia University and at a college in the Philippines. During the Spanish-American war he served as a special aide in the Philippines.

From 1911 to 1916 he travelled in Europe, Asia, Oceania and Central America. He then secured a post at Columbia University and also founded and became first director of a "School of Extension Teaching" which was affiliated to the University.

When the United States entered the World War, he was employed as chief of the combat-section in the military intelligence branch of the American General Staff, reaching the rank of major.

After the war he did not return to teaching, but acted as head of the political and economic section of the General Staff. In 1923 he became commander of the Officers' Reserve Corps with the rank of lieutenant colonel. After graduating from the U.S. Army War College he was appointed in 1924 as assistant in the section of the Dept. of Washington which deals with Western Europe and soon became its chief. In that capacity he was sent to Geneva as unofficial "observer" for the U.S. of the discussions and decisions of the League of Nations.

Government stands outside the League, it felt the need for a permanent representative at Geneva who would keep in close touch with what was going on. Mr. Gilbert was therefore in 1930 appointed American Consul there, though his main task was to act as an "observer" and in that role to attend all the deliberations of the League. In his negotiations regarding the Sino-Japanese dispute regarding Manchuria Mr. Gilbert participated as official representative of the United States. He was a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

GERMAN SYMPATHY
Washington, Feb. 25. The German Charge d'Affaires called on the Secretary of State Mr. Cordell Hull, to-day to express on behalf of the Reich Government condolence upon the sudden death of Mr. Prentiss B. Gilbert.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Russia

Trial Of Radio Operator

Moscow, Feb. 26. Five hundred Polar fliers, workers, and journalists sat in the crowded court room to hear the opening of the trial of Mikhail Vosnissensky, chief wireless operator at Tikhaya Bay in the Arctic regions, who is accused of malicious counter-revolutionary activity, including sabotage of the search for the famed Soviet Arctic aviator, Levanevsky, who, with a crew of five, perished while flying from Moscow to America in August, 1937.

It is alleged against Vosnissensky that he hampered the search by delaying messages and shutting off his wireless set.

The accused, giving evidence, pleaded in his defence that he was unable to stand the conditions—the long hours and the monotony—any longer and became physically ill.

He admitted that he was so tired that he shut off his wireless, did not transmit any important messages from Levanevsky during the flight, and sabotaged the rescue work by conveying incorrect weather information.

When the Moscow authorities grew suspicious and radioed police of his dismissal he suppressed the order. He continued his sabotage activities.

The Public Prosecutor revealed that Vosnissensky's chief, Grigorovich, in charge of the colony's 27 persons, had also been arrested as "an enemy of the people" for having failed to supervise Vosnissensky's work and report his sabotage.—*Reuter*.

NORMA SHEARER ILL

Hollywood, Feb. 26. The film star Norma Shearer is suffering from a throat infection and is very ill, according to the doctor. Her condition is stated to be not alarming at present, although her temperature rose to 103 degrees last night.—*Reuter*.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1889. The liver is said to be the organ most speedily disordered by malarial poisons. The hand seems to be the one least affected, though generally so exposed to the exhalations of the gutter.

A flower-show will be held at Kowloon on March 14th. The promoters are going the right way to make the affair a success, as free lunches will be given, admission will be free, drinks gratis, and lifts for nothing.

Probably be offered, one for table decorations and one for cut flowers, &c. Entries are limited to Kowloon growers.

We have been favoured with the following:

ASIATIC STATION
General Order
No. 4.
U.S.S. Omaha
February 14th, 1889.

The Senior Officer present regrets to announce to the officers and crews serving on the Asiatic Station the death of the Commander-in-Chief, Rear Admiral Ralph Chandler, at Hongkong, China, on Monday, February 11, 1889.

The deceased was buried in the cemetery of Happy Valley, Hongkong, on February 13, 1889. The British civil, naval and military authorities at Hongkong united in a marked and spontaneous manner with the officers and crew of the flagship Marston in extending military honours to the distinguished dead.

Mourning will be worn by officers of the Squadron for a period of thirty days.

All orders issued by the late Commander-in-Chief will continue in force until further instructions.

FREDERICK V. MCNAIR
Captain, U.S. Navy, and Senior Officer Present on Asiatic Station.

25 YEARS AGO
Feb. 27, 1914.

Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, piloted an aeroplane over the Solent and landed a submarine which was manoeuvring under the water. He eventually alighted on the beach near the Admiralty launch entrance.

During question time in the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill announced that it had been decided to substitute this year a test of the efficiency of the Royal Naval Air Force.

Terrible losses.—*Reuter's* correspondent at Belgrade stated that the Serbian Government has announced that 18,000 wounded, while in the Serbian-Bulgarian War they were killed, and 30,000 wounded. Altogether 18,000 had died of wounds and sickness.

In recent years there has been no more striking feature in the development of this Colony than the rapid and well-sustained growth of Kowloon.

The new railway station is now in hand and though the building of the MTR will not even have commenced, the foundations have been laid and the long stretches of brick-work platforms constructed, while the new ferry and railway pier is well almost finished.

One thing which Kowloon lacks is a hospital for Europeans. Hongkong has an abundance of these institutions but the Kowloon none, and the growth of the white population will in course of time create a serious consideration of this question.

10 YEARS AGO
Feb. 27, 1929.

The week has been one which might almost stir the Coligny to take an interest in it. Not only have the very real and hardly definable prospects of the establishment of a vehicular ferry service been held out, but the long-lost vision of a trunk telephone has been revived. Hongkong and Canton has been revived. News of the discovery of a rapidly growing evidence of the direction in which he is going to utilize his recently acquired powers, has decided to establish an international wireless station at Addis Ababa.

5 YEARS AGO
Feb. 27, 1934.

The United Press correspondent in Prague says that the Czech-Slovakian Government are understood to view the German overtures for a Non-Aggression Pact favourably, provided that it is made perfectly clear that it does not interfere with their relations with France.

It is indicated that Czech-Slovakia will not seek to ally herself to the prejudice of her relations with France, but that Dr. Benes, the Foreign Minister, feels that a Non-Aggression Pact with Germany is a necessary step towards the realization of the Little Entente and which is worrying Czech-Slovakia.

TRAFFIC CENSUS
London, Feb. 25.

A three days detailed census of traffic on the London underground is at present proceeding and as on similar occasions in the past figures produced by this traffic test will probably result in further improvements and developments of the tube system.—*British Wireless*.

—RADIO—

"In Town To-night" And London Music-Hall

"FOR THE CHILDREN"
Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a frequency of 645 kc.s. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Kitty Masters (Local) with Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

Schoolboys Howlers—Comedy Fox-Trot. Jack Hylton's Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Where Yorkshire And Lancashire Meet (Damerell and Evans). Kitty Masters (Vocal) assisted by Bert Master. With two pianos; A Melody From The Sky (Film) "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine"; Kitty Masters with Orchestral Refrain; "Come out of the Pantry"; When the Guardsman started Cooing on Parade—Fox-Trot. Jack Hylton's Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; "Anything Goes" Selection (Cole Porter); Red, White and Blue—Fox-Trot (from "Swing in the Air"); Jack Hylton and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

1.0 Time and Weather.
1.03 Reginald Foorl at the Organ.

Puzzle (Minaly). The Wind Has Told Me A Story—Tango Havana (Brunne); "Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs"—Selection.

1.15 The Ballyhoogs.
Nobody's Sweetheart—Fox-Trot; Whispering—Fox-Trot; Favourite Favourites—Fox-Trot Medley; I Got Rhythm—Fox-Trot.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Chopin—Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 11.
Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and The London Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

2.15 Close down.
2.30 "For The Children's Ward." Gladys Fields assisted by Jack Jackson and His Orch.; Radio Hour in The Children's Ward...Marriott Edgar, Cicely Courtneidge, Paul Robeson and Jack Jackson and His Orchestra; Studio—Serial Story; Noah's Ark (Zoological Times for Children Old and Young) (arr. Henry Hull); Intro: Ban Ban Black Sheep; Sing a Song of Sixpence; An Elephant Never Forgets; Whipsnade; Cock Robin; Hey Diddle Diddle; Little Bo Peep; A Frog He Would a-Wooling Go, &c. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall with Vocal Chorus; At Mother's (Hull); Intro: Ban Ban Black Sheep; Sing a Song of Sixpence; An Elephant Never Forgets; Whipsnade; Cock Robin; Hey Diddle Diddle; Little Bo Peep; A Frog He Would a-Wooling Go, &c. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall with Vocal Chorus; At Mother's (Hull); Intro: Ban Ban Black Sheep; Sing a Song of Sixpence; An Elephant Never Forgets; Whipsnade; Cock Robin; Hey Diddle Diddle; Little Bo Peep; A Frog He Would a-Wooling Go, &c. 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Holy Land Deadlock

The Palestine talks in London
appear to have reached an
impasse, a conclusion that was
foreseen before they commenced.
At present the chances of Mr.
Malcolm MacDonald being able
to find any point of common
agreement between Jews and
Arabs on which a compromise
settlement can be reached are
extremely slim.

The cases of Jews and Arabs
which the respective delegates
solemnly and laboriously repeat
are already known to the British
Government. The hoary facts
have already been unearthed and
laid before the Government by
half a dozen official commissions
to Palestine.

As both cases are irreconcilable
both sides are manoeuvring for
favoured treatment by trying
to frighten the Government with
the international situation in
relation to the strategic import-
ance of Palestine in the event of
another crisis.

A crisis is expected next
month in the Mediterranean as
a sequel to a Franco victory in
Spain and Mussolini's demands
on France, and the Arab delega-
tion will continue to use the
importance of a peaceful Pales-
tine as a lever to gain their
objectives.

This is the position at present:
The Arabs insist that Jewish
immigration must be stopped,
land sales by Arabs to Jews
must be prohibited, and an Arab
National Government must be
set up under which the civil and
religious rights would be guaran-
teed.

The Jews insist that Jewish
immigration must be continued
and that on no account must the
Jewish community in Palestine
be relegated to minority status
which, it is claimed, would wreck
the whole meaning and spirit of
the Jewish National Home.

The position is a difficult one.
The Jews, however, appear to
hold the biggest end of the stick.
Another factor has been intro-
duced within recent months—
the attitude of the United States.

The German persecution of
the Jews has made a deep
impression on America and the
British Government cannot
afford to alienate the growing
pro-British sympathy of the
United States by according to
the Arab demands in Palestine.

MRS. FITZPILLSBURY

"Lor'-luv-a-duck!" Was Her
Favourite Expression

by
GEOFFREY SUCKLING

IF YOU WERE to throw
the Hongkong Bank
into the harbour you
could scarcely make a bigger
splash than the one Mrs.
FitzPillsbury made when
she dove into Peak Society
Circles some ten years ago.
I have nothing but admiration
for Mrs. FitzPillsbury. Of the
buxom type, her disposition was
as generous as her figure, and
she made many friends in Hong-
kong.

She had one little peculiarity,
though—a very quaint way of ex-
pressing herself at times. For in-
stance, "Lor'-luv-a-duck!" was a
favourite exclamation of hers.

Of her husband—Archibald—I pre-
fer to say nothing.
I will merely ask you to recall, in
connection with his transfer to west
Africa two years ago, the last line of
that famous little rhyme about the
Pickwick, the Owl and the Waverley
Pen.

She became acquainted with the
FitzPillsburys through the loss of
the lady's pearl necklace.
Singularly enough, the incident
was never recorded in the Hongkong
papers, so allow me to give you the
details.

On December 24, 1931, I was sit-
ting in my office and pondering over
two problems:—(a) how to get hold of
a cutting of *Callanthus splendens* for
my garden, and (b) how to get
rid of my new assistant, who was
turning out to be a numskull of the
first water.

The telephone bell rang; I picked
up the receiver.
"Yes, I am Mr. Suckling, the pri-
vate detective," I said, "and you?"

"It's Mrs. FitzPillsbury speaking,
of 904, the Peak."

"I suppose you want your husband
shadowed, madam?"

"Lor'-luv-a-duck! No! I've lost me
jewels."

"And you want me to find them for
you?"

"Ain't you clever! Of course I do.
My husband isn't half cut up about it,
and he's carrying on like anything."

"Please describe the jewels, madam,
and where did you lose them?"

"It's me ten thousand dollar pearl
necklace what's gone. I was wearing
it at St. Andrew's Ball last night and
I don't know whether it's been took
ed... No, she did not suspect any-
thing of me or whether it's been took
ed... Was she in the habit of lock-
ing her bedroom door at night?"

"Big as pike's eye, these pearls were
seventy-two of them. 'Ow much
do you want to get them back for
me?"

"I don't as a rule discuss my fee
over the telephone," I told her, but
it happens to be \$5.00 an hour, or, if
you prefer to pay by results, ten per
cent. of the value of the necklace
when it's recovered."

Silence for several seconds.
"Supposing it ain't worth quite
\$10,000," she asked, "what then?"

"In that case, madam, I should be
content with an official valuation."

"Was it a snigger I heard?—surely
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"I'll pay by results," she said.
"Better come up and see me."

I gave a suitable reply, and hung
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Now for action!
I mobilised the staff.
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Waffles stepped forward.
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"Ah Lum," I commanded, "bring
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"You Waffles," I said, "will please
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detective and imagine yourself a re-
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Having issued these instructions, I
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a few minutes, quite a creditable
transformation had taken place in
both my own and Waffles' appear-
ance. I agreed for once with a sug-
gestion from Waffles—a buttonhole
certainly would put a finishing touch
to the ensemble.

Ten minutes later we were in the
Peak Tram and I was explaining to
my assistants the nature of the case
we were embarked upon.

Like a band straining at the leash,
Waffles was all agog when I described
what I knew of Mrs. FitzPillsbury,
and he literally quivered with excite-
ment when I happened to mention
that she had once been known as the
"Belle of Hoxton."

At the precincts of no. 904, the
Peak, I called Ah Lum aside.

"You look see," I told him, "any
flower beds have got footprints."

Then, remembering that FitzPills-
bury was a keen horticulturist, I add-
ed:—"Don't forget *Callanthus splen-
dens*—a nice same Chinese call snuk
eat fa—make very nice flower;
look very nice my garden."

"Can do," said Ah Lum and he
slightly departed.

Waffles and I approached the house.
On the door-step was a stranger.
He might be the thief.

We decided to corner him.
"Excuse me, Sir," I said, lifting my
bowler. "Isn't this ideal weather
for a little flutter? What about a few
Antanots to start with? Or I can
let you have some Peak Trams very
cheap. They're always moving, you
know—going up and down every
day—so you're sure to make a hand-
some profit. Of course, if you pre-
fer, wait a minute, boss!" cut in
Waffles. "Let me show the gentle-
man a nice line in Cottons."

"Shut up, you fool!" I hissed in
his ear. "You're a sharebroker—
not a haberdasher."

Then the stranger spoke, and he
made a most extraordinary remark.
"Who let you out?" he asked.

I drew myself up.
"I'm afraid I don't quite follow
you," I replied, "but, in case you are
trying to be sly, let me inform
you that we are detectives, and that
anything you say will be taken down,
altered, and used in evidence against
you."

The rude fellow laughed.
"Mr. Archibald FitzPillsbury,"
he said, "and I guess you've come
about the necklace. Better go inside
and see my wife."

Now why couldn't he have told us
that before?

Mrs. FitzPillsbury was delighted to
see us.
No, she had not missed the neck-
lace till she went to bed. Yes, the
ballroom had been thoroughly search-
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Of course Waffles would be there
but why was he bending over Mrs.
FitzPillsbury with a tape measure in
his hand, and why had she changed
into evening dress at eleven o'clock
in the morning?

Before I had time to figure the
whole thing out, the infuriated hus-
band, making a bee dive for Waffles,
had clutched the poor fish by the
nose of his neck and catapulted him
half way across the room.

"Now, perhaps," he spluttered, "you
will be good enough to explain why
you were manhandling my wife!"

It was obvious that, if any light
were to be thrown on the situation,
Waffles was the only one to do it, for
my lady was lying on the bed in
the last throes of hysteria.

But it took five minutes before
Waffles, who was completely wind-
ed, was able to blurt: "I was d-d-d-
nothing—only t-t-testing a theory."

And then, as he grew more com-
posed: "The whole thing's a ghastly
mistake. You see, I had an idea the
necklace might have come undone
and slipped down Mrs. FitzPillsbury's
neck, so I asked her to kindly put on
the dress she was wearing at the
ball. I was taking a few measure-
ments when you fellows barged in."

"I say, Sir," he went on, turning to
Archibald, "I think you owe me an
apology—treating me like a blooming
shuttlecock!"

"Me owe you an apology?" gasped
Archibald, forgetting his grammar in
the intensity of his fury. "Here,
take this lounge lizard away," he ap-
pealed to me, "before I tread on
him."

Mrs. FitzPillsbury raised herself
on her elbow.
"Lor'-luv-a-duck!" she screamed
and, collapsed once more.
Waffles and I faded away.

Waiting for us on the road, we
found Ah Lum. My dejection
vanished as I noticed he held a cut-
ting of one of the finest roots of
Callanthus splendens I have ever
seen.

"Ah Lum," I murmured, patting
him on the back, "you, at least, have
done your duty. Now, how about
the footprints? Did you find any?"

"Only this," smiled Ah Lum, show-
ing me the seat of his pants. "The
fa-wang here—he make one big step
on my backside."

"Never mind, Ah Lum," I consoled
him. "In England, people say you
get 'Order of the Boot'—belong very
honourable order."

"May be very honourable," he re-
plied, "but also very sore!"

Arrived at the office, I got the staff
to gather round me, and I produced
the bottle of whisky.

"Here," I told them, "is our only
clue—but an important one neverthe-
less. You will observe that there is
a distinct finger-print on the neck of
the bottle. I want you, Waffles, to
compare the print with our Finger-
Print Register. It may lead us to
the thief who stole Mrs. FitzPills-
bury's pearls. Meanwhile I will
empty the contents into a jug for
examination in the laboratory. It is
quite on the cards that I shall find
traces of dope, or—and I lowered
my voice—"even of poison!"

They both seemed suitably impress-
ed, and I despatched Ah Lum for half
a dozen bottles of soda water with
which to carry out my experiments.

By the time the soda water was ex-
hausted I had finished half the
whisky but could find no trace of
any deleterious matter having been
added. On the contrary, it was ex-
ceedingly good whisky, and I had to
admit that, whatever other failings
he might have, Archibald was no
mean judge of the staple product of
Scotland.

A further test, with plain water,
might perhaps be advisable, and I
was just going to draw some when
Waffles came in.

"Hullo, Waffles old boy!" I said,
"can you tell me which is the cold
water tap? There seems to be rather
a lot of them about to-day. I al-
ways thought we had only one. By
the way, have you discovered where
finger-print it is?"

"Yes," said Waffles, looking at me
rather queerly I thought.
"Then where is it?" I impatiently
asked.

"Yours," he replied.

For five days the Mystery of the
Pearl Necklace lay unsolved. I had
been "waiting for a break" as our
American friends would say.

And then it came—and via Waffles
of all people!

He burst into the office with: "I
say, Chief! What do you think? I've
found out that the pearls were false!"
I jumped up. "Explain at once!"
I said.

"Last night at the hotel," he began,
"I was shaking the wicked hoof, when
who should I run into but Flossie
Footles. You've met Flossie, of
course?"

"I haven't had the pleasure. But
go on!"

"Well, she's a bit of a gay spark,
and when I mentioned about Mrs.
FitzP, losing her pearls, what do you
think she said?"

"I don't know," I replied. "I give
it up."

"She said—and these were her very
words—'Pearls! Pahaw! Pearls in-
deed! Them pearls never saw the
inside of an oyster shell, I'll warrant!
Before she got hitched to Archibald,
her ladyship was in the chorus of
the 'Belle of New York' with me,
and she was always a losing of her
'pearls.' Woolworth pearls they
were. Losing jooly is like second
nature to her, and from what you
tells me, it seems she's still got the
'habit.'"

Now what do you think of that?"
I had to admit that, to say the least,
his news was startling.

"But if it's true," I said, "then
we're in the soup—even if we do re-
cover the necklace—because I agreed
to accept as payment ten per cent. of
its value."

"Not at all!" replied Waffles. "From
my short—and none too pleasant—ac-
quaintance with Mrs. FitzPillsbury,
I'm certain she isn't the type that
would admit to wearing imitation
jewellery."

And then he expounded his plan.
"In the Gloucester Arcade," he
said, "is a shop where, for a modest
outlay, you can purchase a string of
artificial pearls as good—if not better
—than the real stuff."

"I suggest we get a necklace made
up, and hand it over to Mrs. FitzP.
She's sure not to notice the differ-
ence, and then all we have to do is
to bung in our bill! It's as simple
as falling off a log!"

I considered his suggestion. Yes,
it seemed workable.

"Waffles," I said, "we will adopt
your plan and act immediately. By
the way, I have decided to increase
your pay this month by \$25...."

Waffles brightened.

"...which means," I continued,
"that this month, you will receive
\$25 less than last month."

His face visibly wilted.

"I d-d-don't quite follow," he
stammered.

"To use one of your pet similes," I
replied, "it's as easy as falling off a
log. Let me explain."

"This morning, in view of your dis-
graceful exhibition of parlour tricks
up the Peak, I made up my mind to
cut your salary by \$50. Now, in-
fluenced by the fact that the me-
chanism in your cranium at last
shows signs of kicking over, I have
decided to give you an increase of
\$25. The net result will therefore
be—exactly \$25 less than last
month."

I left him to his mental calcula-
tions, and sent Ah Lum for a neck-
lace of 72 synthetic pearls "as big as
Pigeons' eggs."

When I arrived I set out for the
Peak—alone this time.

I rang the bell of no. 904.
"Master at home?"

"Yes."

I entered.

Archibald came forward. He look-
ed none too pleased.

"I have much pleasure," I said, "in
informing you that I have recovered
Mrs. FitzPillsbury's necklace. Per-
haps you will have a look at it, and,
if it's in order, it will no doubt be a
pleasure to you to write me out a
cheque for \$1,000."

"\$1,000 he—?" he replied. "What
shady game are you up to now? How
can you have found my wife's neck-
lace when she never lost it?"

"Never lost it!" I faltered. "What
do you mean?"

"Exactly what I say. My wife
found it in her jewel case this morn-
ing. She must have forgotten to put
it on before she went to the ball."

The horror of the situation slowly
dawned on me.

"And, if you're not out of the house
in two minutes," said Archibald, "I'll
telephone for the police."

When you have time, come along
and see my *Callanthus splendens*.
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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Shanghai

City Is Ready For Trouble

Tension Heightens

BARBED-WIRE barricades throughout Shanghai's streets have given the city the appearance it has often had during its turbulent days. The barricades have been erected by the Municipal Council, it is believed, in preparation for a series of systematic raids to round-up the undesirable elements responsible for the recent wave of terrorism.

The Council has delivered its reply to the Japanese demands, but has declined to make the contents known because of the Japanese desire that the negotiations be kept confidential. The Japanese are said to be dissatisfied with the reply.

The Japanese press in Shanghai continues its advocacy of the Japanese raiding the Settlement, and the Nanking Reformed Government threatens to regard the Settlement and French Concession as enemy land unless the outrages cease.

Remarkably strict precautions were taken by the foreign police during the funeral on Saturday of Chen Lu, Foreign Minister in the Nanking regime, who was assassinated last week.

In Tientsin the Japanese have erected barricades between the British and former German Concessions and practically encircled the United States Marines Barracks. The Marines have entered a protest against the action.

The *Taichung Shimbun*, in an editorial to-day, declares that because of the terrorism Japanese troops should resort to military mopping-up operations in the International Settlement without diplomatic and political negotiations.—United Press.

Press Comment

The Chinese plan for forcing international complications between Japan, Great Britain and other foreign Powers by letting loose terrorist demonstrators in the International Settlement and the French Concession in Shanghai will only defeat its own purpose, a Shanghai press message declares.

Quoting the opinion of foreign residents in Shanghai, the message points out that the present unrest, if continued, would give Japan occasion to occupy the International Settlement and the French Concession, in which eventually she might be expected to confiscate all banks and other property of the Kuomintang Government in the Settlement and the French Concession on behalf of the new regime in China.

The message further quotes the opinion of foreign residents in Shanghai that the current International situation makes it impossible for Great Britain, America and France to prevent Japan from occupying the Settlement and French Concession, if circumstances should lead her to do so.—Domel.

Nanking's Threat

Nanking, Feb. 25. Declaring that the foreign settlements in Shanghai were virtually under the control of the British and French authorities, a spokesman of the Reformed Government said that unless the authorities concerned manifest in actual practice their intention to discontinue assistance to the Chiang Kai-shek regime the settlements would be regarded as "the enemy's land."

"So long as the Settlement is the enemy's land, foreign vessels moving along the coast and the Yangtze River with their bases established in the Settlement should be regarded as belonging to the Settlement, and we feel the necessity of taking independent and positive measures in self-defence against them," the spokesman added.—Domel.

"Hunts of Devils"

Tokyo, Feb. 25. Describing the International Settlement as "the hunts of devils" in East Asia, the *Asahi Shimbun*, leading Japanese daily newspaper, here declares that the problem of the Settlement forms the "cancer" in the proposed construction of a new order as the ultimate objective of the China Affair.

"Even if the present Sino-Japanese conflict has not happened at all, it was incumbent on the Chinese wailing to develop a truly independent State to eradicate the Settlement which is nothing but a relic of the past age."

"It is natural and timely that the Reformed Government has decided to institute strict policing measures around the Settlement and station its defence and police forces along the boundaries. It goes without saying that Japan on her side should keep a strict outlook on the attitude of the Municipal Council," the paper concludes.—Domel.

Reply to Demands

The Municipal Council replied to the Japanese demands to-day but declined to reveal the contents of their answer because of the Japanese request that the negotiations be kept

German-Polish Relations Strained

DEMONSTRATIONS BY STUDENTS AT CRACOW

WARSAW Feb. 25.

ANTI-GERMAN demonstrations similar to those in Poznan and Warsaw, are reported to have taken place in central Cracow, the ancient capital of the Polish kings.

After a meeting at Cracow University, Polish students proceeded to the German students' home shouting anti-Nazi slogans. Twenty forced their way in and are alleged to have assaulted 12 German students with walking-sticks and other implements.

One German student was seriously and another slightly injured. The Polish students demolished the furniture, and escaped before the arrival of the police.—Trans-Ocean.

Apology Tendered

Warsaw, Feb. 25. It is understood that an official apology has been offered to the German Ambassador by the Polish Foreign Minister.

Twenty-five mounted and foot police guarded the German Embassy to-night, following the anti-German demonstrations in Warsaw, Cracow, Poznan, Lodow and Vilna. A mass meeting of students and professors held in the Warsaw Polytechnic passed a resolution urging a boycott of German goods.

Polish students raided the German Students' Club in Cracow last night and fought with the German students, breaking the furniture.

The demonstrations were repeated to-day in Poznan and Vilna.—Reuter.

Scene at Warrior's Tomb

Warsaw, Feb. 25. Two thousand students demonstrated at the tomb of the Polish Unknown Warrior, where Count Ciano, who is visiting Warsaw, afterwards laid a wreath.—Reuter Bulletin.

Resisting Both Axes

Warsaw, Feb. 25. Poland will stoutly resist all efforts to induce her to join the Rome-Berlin axis during the coming conversations with the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano.

Poland's policy of "flirting" with the axis but maintaining her own freedom of action was described by a government spokesman to the United Press. It can be assumed that this summarizes what high officials of the Polish Government will tell Count Ciano.

The government spokesman said that "the most important thing is that we are aiming at closer friendships with the Rome-Berlin axis. Poland wished to remain aloof from any axis but at the same time wishes to maintain good relations with individual partners of both the Rome-Berlin axis and the London-Paris axis."

"The between-axis policy served Poland well. Poland has become a decisive factor in Central and Eastern Europe, so why not engage the axis? If we link ourselves with either axis, then we lose our valuable position as the holder of the balance of power."—United Press.

Ciano in Warsaw

Warsaw, Feb. 25. The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, arrived in Warsaw to-day on a five-day visit to Poland. Count Ciano will have a series of talks with the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Joseph Beck, on economic, political and cultural collaboration between the two countries.

He was met by Colonel Beck at the station. Count Ciano's suite includes 15 journalists, among whom is Signor Gayda, noted commentator of *Giornale d'Italia*.—Reuter.

Confidential. Informal sources declare, however, that the reply recognised that Japan had legitimate aspirations without compromising the Council's sovereignty.

Diplomatic circles report that the American Embassy is assuming a stiffer attitude to Japan, although the exact issue involved have not been revealed. Strength is given to this report by the fact that the United States Consul-General has resumed its wartime appearance. The Consul-General, Mr. Gauss, was working to a late hour to-night and five days throughout the day, handling an extremely heavy exchange of communications with Washington.—United Press.

Japanese Dissatisfied

Shanghai, Feb. 25. Hopes for an early amicable settlement of the threatening situation arising from the recent terrorist demonstrations in the International Settlement, suffered a setback as the Japanese authorities were understood to have been dissatisfied with the Municipal Council's reply to the Japanese protest.

The Japanese authorities consider "lukewarm" the counter-measures suggested in the Municipal Council's reply for a possible prevention of further occurrence of terrorist outrages in the Settlement.

The Japanese authorities, the same quarters believe, are likely to lodge a fresh representation with the Municipal Council requesting for the latter's "reconsideration of its attitude."

Following receipt on Saturday from Mr. C. S. Franklin, Chairman of the Municipal Council's reply to their protest of February 22, Japanese military, naval and consular officials including Major-General Sakurai, Commander of the Japanese Garrison in the Shanghai area, and Mr. Yoshiki Mura, Japanese Consul-General, met in an emergency conference last night.

It was understood that the Japanese requests made in the original communication to the S.M.C. were not complied with in toto by the Municipal Council authorities.—Domel.

China

New Peace Plan Is Envisaged

PEIPING, Feb. 25.

A new plan for peace, in which Chiang Kai-shek may be invited to participate, is under the consideration of the Provisional Government. The plan calls for the establishment of a new Kuomintang Government at Nanking, under the chairmanship of Wang Ching-wei and with Chiang taking a high post.

This, it is held, would preserve the Chinese attachment to Sun Yat-sen and the Kuomintang flag, but Sun Yat-sen's three principles would be subject to Japanese interpretation.

It is understood that the plan will be accompanied by the large scale withdrawal of Japanese troops from Central and South China, coincident with intensified mopping-up operations in North China, where the Japanese will concentrate their exploitation efforts.

Some Chinese circles report that the plan provides offering Third Powers economic exploitation rights in North China in the event of those Powers acting as mediators.—United Press.

PLANS BIG RECEPTION FOR WU PEI-FU

Faifeng, Feb. 25. While preparations are being made by the recently established Peiping Commission for welcoming Wu Pei-fu at his headquarters, the Honan Provincial Government under the control of the Provisional Government has formally been transferred here from Changchun on the Peiping-Hankow railway.

Mr. Hsiao Ju-chien, Governor of Honan, arrived here on Wednesday to open the new Provincial Government to business. Wu's lieutenants, including Hsu Yu-kun and Chen Tung-sheng, are busily engaged here in organizing a new army to be placed at the disposal of Wu upon his inauguration of a pacification campaign.—Domel.

PEIPING MINISTRY

Peiping, Feb. 25. The Provisional Government will shortly announce the formation of a Ministry of Communications, which will absorb the present Reconstruction Bureau, the head of which, Yun Tung, is the favoured candidate for the Minister of Communications.

Anti-Japanese Slogans

Anti-Japanese slogans appeared in Peiping for the first time since the beginning of the war when chalk scrawls were discovered on the walls of buildings outside Chien Men gate, near the principal shopping centre of the Chinese city. The police are still searching for the writers.—United Press.

CHURCH MUSIC

The hall of the Hop Yat Church was again filled to capacity on Saturday evening, when the second recital of modern Chinese choral compositions given by the Church's choir, under the direction of Mr. Fung Hing-chung.

The proceeds were for the relief of refugees.

Palestine

Britain To Submit Plan To Arab And Jew Delegates

LONDON, Feb. 25.

The British Government's tentative plan regarding Palestine will be submitted to the Arab and Jewish delegations on Monday. Details of the plan have not been disclosed officially, but it is believed that it will be the stepping stone to the ultimate creation of a Palestine State with equal rights for all citizens, safeguards for the Jewish minority and a defensive alliance with Great Britain.

As a transitional measure a Legislative Assembly may be established, composed of Arab, Jewish and British members, and Jews and Arabs may be invited to share in the executive control of the country.

It is understood that both sides have been given a brief outline of the plan.

Before leaving London to-day for Baghdad General Nuri Said praised Mr. MacDonald's patience and good temper and paid a tribute to Mr. Chamberlain's vision and statesmanship. He said that the Arabs have been greatly impressed by Mr. Chamberlain's recent handling of European problems and this stimulated hope that he will find an equitable solution to the Palestine problem.—Reuter.

Jewish Views

There was no meeting of the Jewish delegation to-day, but Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the

Hungary's Needs

BUDAPEST, Feb. 25. IN A SPECIAL broadcast outlining the nation's duties, the Prime Minister said there must be complete reconstruction of the army at the price of every effort and even sacrifice. The country should be strengthened economically and all social problems solved, not by decree, but in a spirit of mutual comprehension of the rights of each other.—Reuter.

Britain

DEFENCE DEBATES THIS WEEK

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Various aspects of the Government's defence plans will be debated in the House of Commons in three days next week.

On Monday the battle will begin when the Defence Loans Bill will be discussed on the second reading and on the second reading and on following days a wide range of subjects, including the shelter policy, evacuation, billeting and food supplies, will be reviewed in the debate on the supplementary estimates for civil defence and national service.

On Monday the Labour Opposition will move a reasoned amendment which, whilst recognising the regrettable necessity for the unprecedented defence programme, invites the House to express that in the interests of efficiency and public economy the Bill ought to be preceded by more effective measures for co-ordination of services, organisation of supply and elimination of excessive private profits.—British Wireless.

Long-range Flying

LONDON, Feb. 25. Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, in a speech to-day said that the flight to Australia last year was a further stride forward in the plans of the Royal Air Force to develop long-range flying in the interest of British defence.

The performance was one of the most notable of British enterprises, the capture of the world's long-distance flying record.

Those great qualities of courage and daring were still with the Force and with the recruits who were of a high quality and who were joining in large numbers.

The flight was, however, but one stage in the progress of the long-range development unit which had steadily continued since its formation in January, 1938.

The unit had worked throughout with normal service types of aircraft, modified where desirable in matters of detail.

Previously notable flights, together with the magnificent record breaking journey to Australia, offered true appreciation of what had been accomplished.

An able authority on air strategy had recently observed that up to now the great impediment to getting full value from Britain's strategic air routes had been the gap between Britain and Egypt.

It had now been demonstrated how small was the impediment, and it was decreasing rapidly.

In the realm of Empire defence the possibilities opened up must be a source of satisfaction to all members of the British Commonwealth of Nations.—British Wireless.

London Vulnerable

LONDON, Feb. 25. "Even the most powerful air defence cannot safeguard London from bombs in case of war," is the opinion expressed by Major General E. D. Ashmore, who for the last two years has been commanding the London Air Defence Forces.

Major General Ashmore is convinced that at least during the first part of a war it will be impossible to prevent the dropping of bombs on London. Only in the course of time would it be possible to reach a state where the dropping of bombs of opponents could be checked completely.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Defences

JAPAN IS PLEASED BY GUAM BASE REJECTION

The rejection by the United States House of Representatives of the Guam proposal has caused disappointment in the Philippine Islands and in China, although in both countries a philosophical view is taken of the decision of the House not to pass the appropriation for the dredging of the harbour.

In Shanghai it is feared that the rejection may mean the reversal of Japan's policy of appeasement around foreign areas, which has been most noticeable recently. In Chungking it is pointed out that the rejection does not necessarily mean abandonment of the plan to strengthen the Pacific defences of the United States. Possibly large scale resolutions will be presented to the Senate, comments the *Ta Kung Po*.

The Japanese papers splash the news of the rejection. One holds that peace on the Pacific has been strengthened by the modification of the bill.

DECISION STRENGTHENS PACIFIC PEACE

Tokyo, Feb. 25.

The rejection of the defence plan for Guam Island by the American House of Representatives was splashed by all evening newspapers under banner headlines yesterday. The *Asahi Shimbun* says that it is a matter for congratulation to both America and Japan that peace on the Pacific has been strengthened by the modification in the American naval air base bill.

The paper says that \$5,000,000 spent on the fortification of Guam Island will only serve to stimulate Japanese sentiments. It adds that needless international complications must always be avoided.

The *Kokumin Shimbun* says that the prestige of President Roosevelt may possibly have gone with the Guam defence plan.

The *Yomiuri Shimbun* pays a tribute to the American Congress for its "sound common sense" with which it eliminated the Guam defence plan. It says that amendment and "stimulation of other Powers" form a vicious circle because fresh armaments causes "stimulation of sentiments" in other nations which in turn feeds new armaments.—Domel.

Victory for Isolationists

Tokyo, Feb. 25.

The omission means a victory for the isolationist group in the United States, the *Japan Times* declares.

"The Senate might still pass the Guam item, but even in such an eventuality it is unlikely that there will be any change of attitude in the Lower House. Rather, indications are that the action of the Lower House will be a stimulus to the action in the Upper House opposing Roosevelt's foreign policy."

"The virtual killing of the Guam fortification plan is destined to play a vital role in influencing the policies of the Roosevelt administration into a more moderate and sensible course."

The *Hochi Shimbun* considers that the development of the Guam defence defies prediction, although so far it has succeeded only in awakening and public opinion.

"Congress should review America's policy not only toward Guam but also towards the Far East," the *Yomiuri* declares.

"The voting down of the Guam defence plan by the American House of Representatives shows that there is an identity of views between the Japanese naval authorities and the American Lower House regarding Guam Island, a fact which is full of significance for the future of the Pacific," the *Meiji Shimbun* observes.

The paper recalls that the Navy Minister, Admiral Yonai, stated that the Japanese Navy did not attach much importance to the reported fortification of Guam, because detached fortifications only weaken a nation's fighting strength.—Domel.

Hitler To Ban Tobacco

BERLIN.

HITLER, non-smoker, vegetarian and ascetic, is expected to make a drive shortly against stimulants and tobacco, which would save the Reich vast sums in foreign currency.

While the Fuehrer will not attack the Germans' beloved beer, it is expected that he will call on his followers to boycott coffee, tea, cocoa and tobacco.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

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armordillo straight waistcoat
nollitese arithmitic
English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.



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Border Affair

Russian-Japanese Tension

Harbin, Feb. 25. A Soviet soldier was killed in a clash between the Soviet and Japanese patrols on the western frontier when about 50 Soviet cavalrymen opened fire without warning on the Japanese border patrols near Liupien, in the district of Sanho.

The Japanese responded to the attack and following two hours of fighting, repulsed the Soviet forces. On February 24, Japanese border guards were again attacked by Soviet troops while patrolling near Sreplen, five miles south-west of the border outpost at Sanho.

These were the seventh series of incidents on the western frontier in the past month.—Domel.

MANCHUKUO MEASURES

Hsinking, Feb. 25. With its formal participation in the anti-Comintern pact, the Manchukuo Government has decided to strengthen its measures for the prevention of subversive manoeuvres by Communist elements, as well as for collecting information regarding the activity of the Comintern.

The Government authorities stress that stricter measures than in other signatories to the anti-Comintern pact are necessary in Manchukuo because of its proximity to the Soviet Union and the Holshveded Outer Mongolia.

Seeking cooperation of North and Central China and Inner Mongolia, the Manchukuo Government will send anti-Comintern commissioners to these districts.—Domel.

LONDON EXPANSION

Planned Decentralisation Of Industry Urged

LONDON, Feb. 25.

A strong plea to the Government to adopt a policy of planned decentralisation of industry was made by Lord Lytton when addressing the 40th annual meeting of the Garden Cities and Town Planning Association.

The Association has urged this course on social grounds in the past but vulnerability in time of war said Lord Lytton had given new urgency to the demand. In factory trades alone London had nearly one quarter of the workers of England and Wales and he hoped a halt would be called to continue the expansion of London.—British Wireless.

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ROSE ELECT OR NAVYLIGHT FOR HONGKONG DERBY?

BOTH IMPRESSED IN THEIR RACES LAST SATURDAY

Many Important Events On The Card To-day

Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Rose Elect or Mr. Ciro's Navylight to win the Hongkong Derby to-day?

This is a problem which has been confronting race-goers for some weeks. It was expected that Saturday's racing, the first opportunity punters had of seeing the ponies in a genuine race, would throw some light on the problem. But did it? One wonders.

The only things established by Saturday's events were that Rose Elect has plenty of speed—a fact which everyone who has seen the morning gallops is aware—and that Navylight seems to like a longish race—which has never been really confirmed.

But the point now seems to be that Will Rose Elect, which created a new record for six furlongs in the Maiden Stakes on Saturday (beating King's Warden's best of 1.24.3), be able to keep it up in the longer Derby distance? If she can, she will probably win, despite the fact that Navylight, in winning the Trial Plate, had no opposition at all from the rest of the field.

GOOD PERFORMANCES

Both performances were extremely impressive, and there seems little doubt that the first place in the Blue Riband is between the two, Lilliber and Blue Express were behind Rose Elect, and Eve of Harvest and Conquering Time were following Navylight in that order; but in each case, there was a clear-cut superiority of the winner over the rest of the field.

The track at the moment is very dry and is conducive to fast times, as proved by the three records established in five races on Saturday morning. Therefore we ought to see a very fast race if Liberty Bay's Derby record is not lowered.

As only to be expected, both owners are supremely confident of their candidates' ability to win the Derby.

Mr. Eric Moller, for instance, thinks Navylight will win, though he acknowledges that Rose Elect is a "very fine animal." He is very disappointed that his son, Mr. R. B. Moller, who rode Silkylight to victory in the Derby and Champions at the last annual meeting, cannot take out Navylight owing to a recurrence

of an old ailment, but he hopes to find a suitable jockey for to-day's big race. Mr. H. C. Pih took out Navylight on Saturday, but Mr. Moller expressed the hope that J. Pote-Hunt, a friend of his, would ride it in the Derby race.

VERY DISAPPOINTING

The form shown by Hyndford Bridge in the Trial Plate was very disappointing indeed, and it does not seem likely that this candidate will be of any danger to Rose Elect or Navylight. Before this race was run, however, there were many people who thought Hyndford Bridge up to the standard of these two, but opinion must have changed quickly after the finish of the Trial Plate.

Apart from the Derby, there are many interesting races on the card to-day, including the Lusitano Cup, Garrison Cup, Victoria Stakes, Exchange Plate, Chatter Cup and the Challenge Cup. Only two are for subscription China ponies.

Desert Chief, who broke a record on Saturday, has been entered in only one race, the Victoria Stakes. Therefore she is almost certain to start, in which case the race should be hers. Silkylight and the Challenge, but it is expected that she will be taken out in the latter race only—a cinch for her.

If there are upsets to-day, they will probably be caused by ponies which were left at the starting gate on Saturday. There were several of them. The public, therefore, are cautioned, and if their jockeys can get them away with the bunch in to-day's races, one or two may cause a surprise.

Confusion Bay, it is understood, will not weigh out for any events at the Carnival, as she is under a cloud.

"Capt. Foster" Selects The Following:

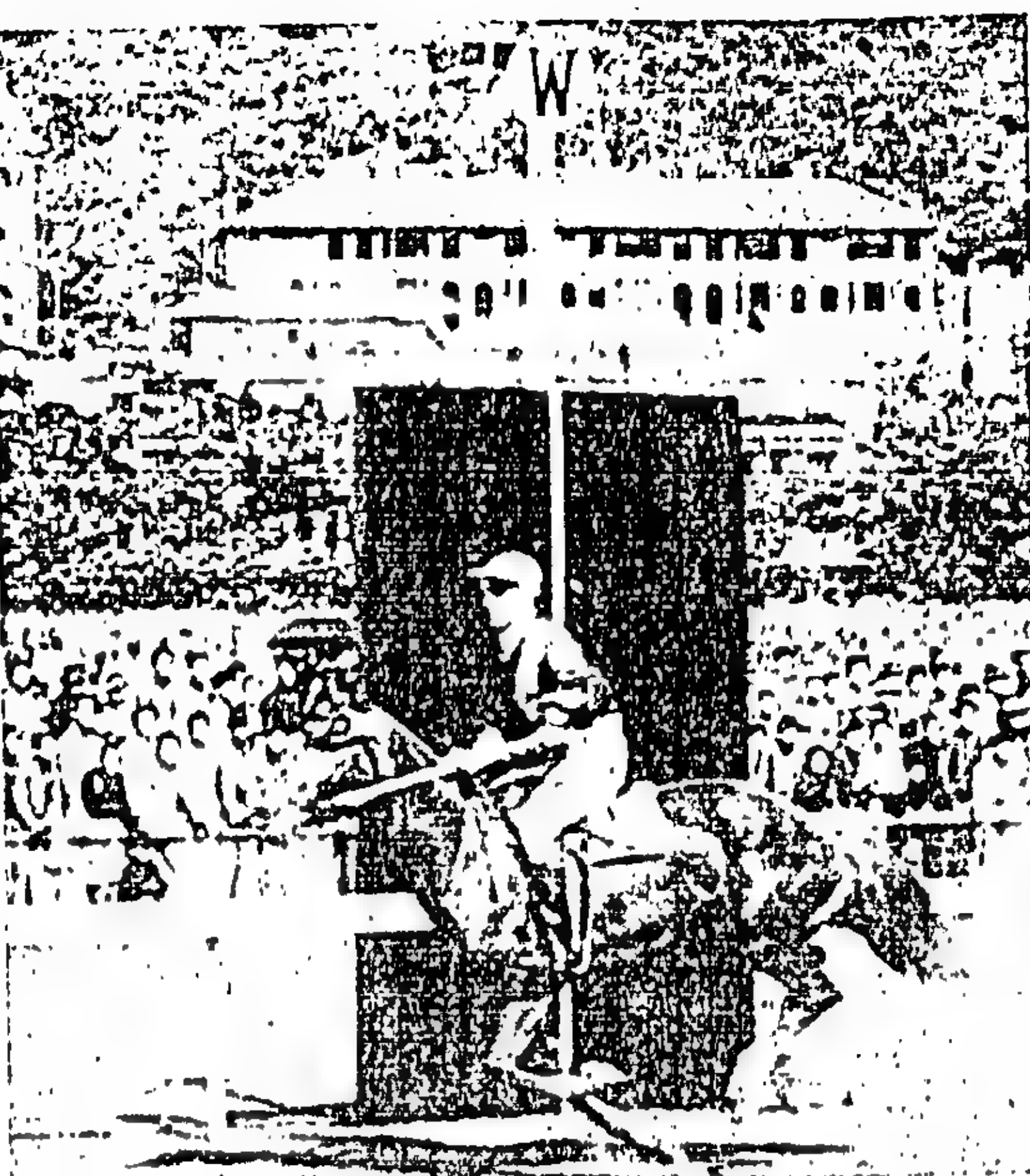
Selections Made By "Early Bird"

The following selections on to-day's races are made by "Early Bird" of the S. C. M. Post:

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Ruby Star
Chiltern
- 3rd Race
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Jennifer
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Oak Day
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New Star
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- 11th Race
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Blue Express
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Eve of Harvest
- 9.—CHATER CUP
New Star
Jobber
Wild Life
- 10.—CHALLENGE CUP
Silkylight
King's Warden
Red Feather
- 11.—BLACK ROCK STAKES
Avon
Hectic View
Galveston Bay
- 12.—PERTH PLATE (SECOND SECTION)
Devonlan
Rivulet
Happy Landings
- DAILY DOUBLE
Lucky Lad / New Star
- English Cavalier
Devonlan
Rivulet
Happy Landings
- DAILY DOUBLE
Lucky Lad and Wild Life

South China Held 1-1 In Charity Soccer



Mr. C. L. Gregory brought Strathbannock home to an easy win in the second section of the Wong Nei Chong Stakes at Happy Valley on Saturday to pay the highest dividend of the day, 500.50. Picture shows the winner at the post.—Photo by Jaffer.

TAKE THIS GUIDE TO RACE COURSE WITH YOU TO-DAY

The following are the entries for the races at Happy Valley to-day. Numbers in front of the ponies' names indicate where they finished in their last three starts.

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FROCKS FOR THE OFFICE



YOU will need to wear your top coats for some time yet, so the best thing to do is to have a new warm frock. It will make a pleasant change in your wardrobe.

The styles here are selected for those who spend their days in offices, so if you want to be one of the smart girls shown in the sketches here are a few tips as to colours and materials.

The girl who is handy with her needle is having a grand time among the fabric bargains just now. Rust, copper and tan are excellent shades to choose. They blend attractively with black, navy, green or brown coats, and give you a fashionable combination.

If you do not want an all-wool frock, then I suggest a wool and art, silk marocain.

Spring Fashions

Yoked styles and short sleeves are going to be featured in spring fashions. Note that the latter are squared and without an excessive puff. They are perhaps a little cool for present day wear, so above are shown two of the styles with long sleeves.

No. 1233 shows a youthful style with a simply cut skirt for the small woman. This would look attractive in kingfisher blue with clear brown collar and cuffs, or if you prefer a pastel touch then choose dawn pink.

Next comes a useful buttoned style, No. 1234, with a narrowed yoke that will suit the shorter woman, for these lengthening lines are height-making.

A scarf gives a bright flipp to colour and buttons should match.

Slimming Stripes

Maybe you have to watch that hip-line, so choose a fabric with a faint, chalk stripe. It's slimming! Stripes are neatly worked crossways and down in No. 1235, and buttons trim the front.

A small shoulder yoke gives the right fashion note to your dress.

FASHION NOTES

Velvet chenille is often used for evening gowns. There is also a pale turquoise lame made from thread which lends itself to almost any style of stitch, and there is a copper evening model which is in metal thread.

Generally speaking, the favourite trimmings are flowers which the dress-makers are placing everywhere. For the evening we see them at the belt, the waist, at the back, on the shoulders, in garlands as sashes, or in necklaces, on gloves, and in the hair.

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Yoked frock in kingfisher blue, with youthful skirt. Dainty collar and cuffs of dawn pink organdi.

Ever popular scarf neckline featured on a trim coat-frock style with bright buttons and slanting pockets.

Chalk stripes are slimming. They go two ways on this becoming frock for the fuller figure.

How Young Do You Feel?

WHEN you hear your masculine acquaintances discussing the ageing lots of some boxer or footballer, has it ever occurred to you that the old sporting adage about an athlete being no younger than his legs applies with equal force to every woman—whether she indulges in any kind of sport or not?

If only more women realised this fact and took the trouble to act upon it, there would be fewer prematurely ageing wives in the world, and more happy marriages, too. For legs and feet play so important a role in everyone's life that, neglected, they are often the real source of much of the unhappiness and misunderstanding to be found in so many homes to-day.

Take a typical young modern couple. The wife has probably given up an office job, or come straight from a home in which her domestic duties have been of the lightest character. Being young and naturally anxious to look her best, she has always taken care of her feet and legs, and has worn the best shoes she could afford.

Encroaching Carelessness

On marriage, this girl finds herself with a little home of her own. She has now no competition to face, and how her feet and ankles look in the privacy of that home does not seem to her to matter. Her job no longer depends upon her appearance, and now that she is actually married she drifts into being more or less particular about always looking her best.

In little things, when working about the house, she tends to let her appearance "slide," and one of the first details which she will almost certainly neglect will be her feet. Yet in doing this housework she is probably upon her feet more than she realises, and is placing additional strain on her legs.

Not only does she use her feet and legs more than she did before her marriage, but, in the natural course of things, she sooner or later begins to put on weight, probably an average of from ten to twenty pounds. That increase is additional weight

which her feet and legs must carry about.

Most disastrous of all is the all-too-common "economy" regarding house shoes. Many women cannot see why in the privacy of their own homes they should not wear old shoes no longer presentable enough for the street or evening wear.

Such "sloppy" footwear, while it may give the wearer a false sense of comfort, is bound to cause incalculable harm. For shoes which have lost their shape offer no support to the feet, and when they have become overrun at the heels they throw considerable strain upon the muscles of both feet and legs.

Mental Strain

But the damage does not end there. It is an established physiological fact that tension in muscles or strain upon any part of the body produces nerve strain and irritability.

Though the housewife may smarten herself up for her husband when her day's work is done, and puts on a good pair of shoes in which to greet him, she forgets that she cannot freshen up her brain that has suffered all day on account of the muscular strain on her feet and legs. No amount of time spent before her mirror will avail to perk up her frayed nerves.

In spite of herself, she is irritable—the most trivial misunderstanding is magnified into a heated argument. She nags her puzzled husband, probably without realising that she is doing it, and he, being himself tired after his day's work, is in no mood to make allowances.

It is therefore well worth while to go to the very little trouble which is all that is necessary to keep your feet and legs as young as they really are. A few simple but regular exercises, and the paying of at least as much attention to the shoes a woman wears about her home as to those she wears when dining out will prevent domestic discord.

For the next time that an athlete is only as good as his feet and legs also goes for the housewife, the typist, and every woman.

C. C.

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MOST grape-fruit recipes sound very complicated, and involve a good deal of work, but here is a very simple one well worth trying:—

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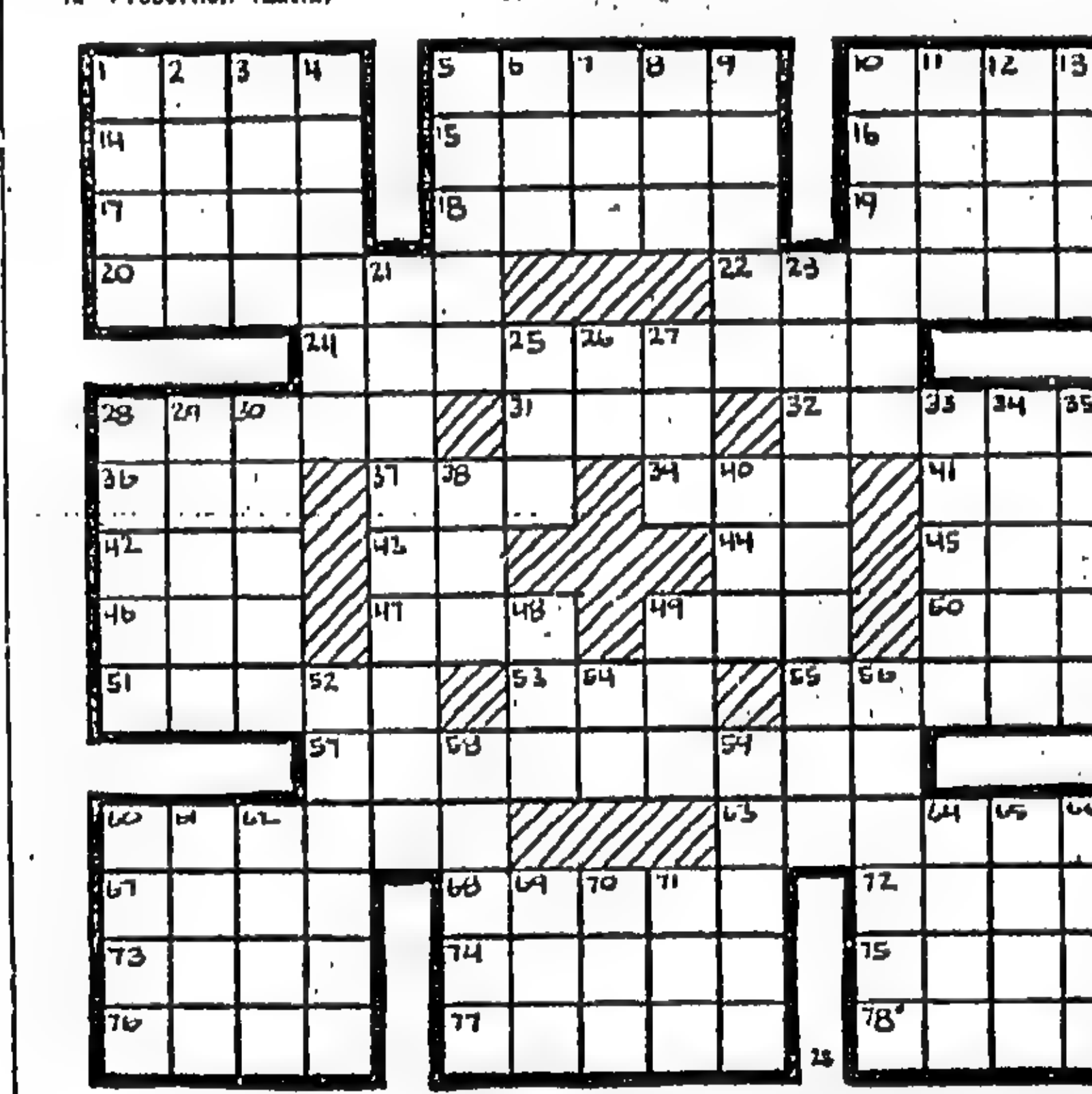
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ACROSS

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- Unusual spar
- Chinua
- Violently insane
- Home
- Star's name
- Striking
- Group sing after luncheon
- Went
- Went by water
- Parasitoid
- Expulsion
- Fluorine water
- Vaccine
- Petroleum
- Town in Germany
- Night before
- Star's name
- Foot chair
- Concerning
- King of Lushan
- Madam (slang)
- Unit
- Press: new
- Literary collection
- Star's name
- River in France
- Swain
- Middle Westerner
- United system: usually
- Door
- Managed publication
- Rochia
- Inquirer
- Proportion (Latin)

DOWN

- Seed holder
- Castor
- Pen-name of Elizabeth Craig
- Ghost
- Death
- Star-shaped
- Female horse
- Star's name
- Those who come back
- Group with level
- Energy (slang)
- From (slang)
- Overlaid side
- Strait
- Climbing plant
- Chairs
- Continues
- Part of palate
- Morning prayer
- Confederate general
- German title
- Star American tuber
- Arabian name
- One
- Christian god
- Cowherd
- Noctua
- Woke in chest
- By word of mouth
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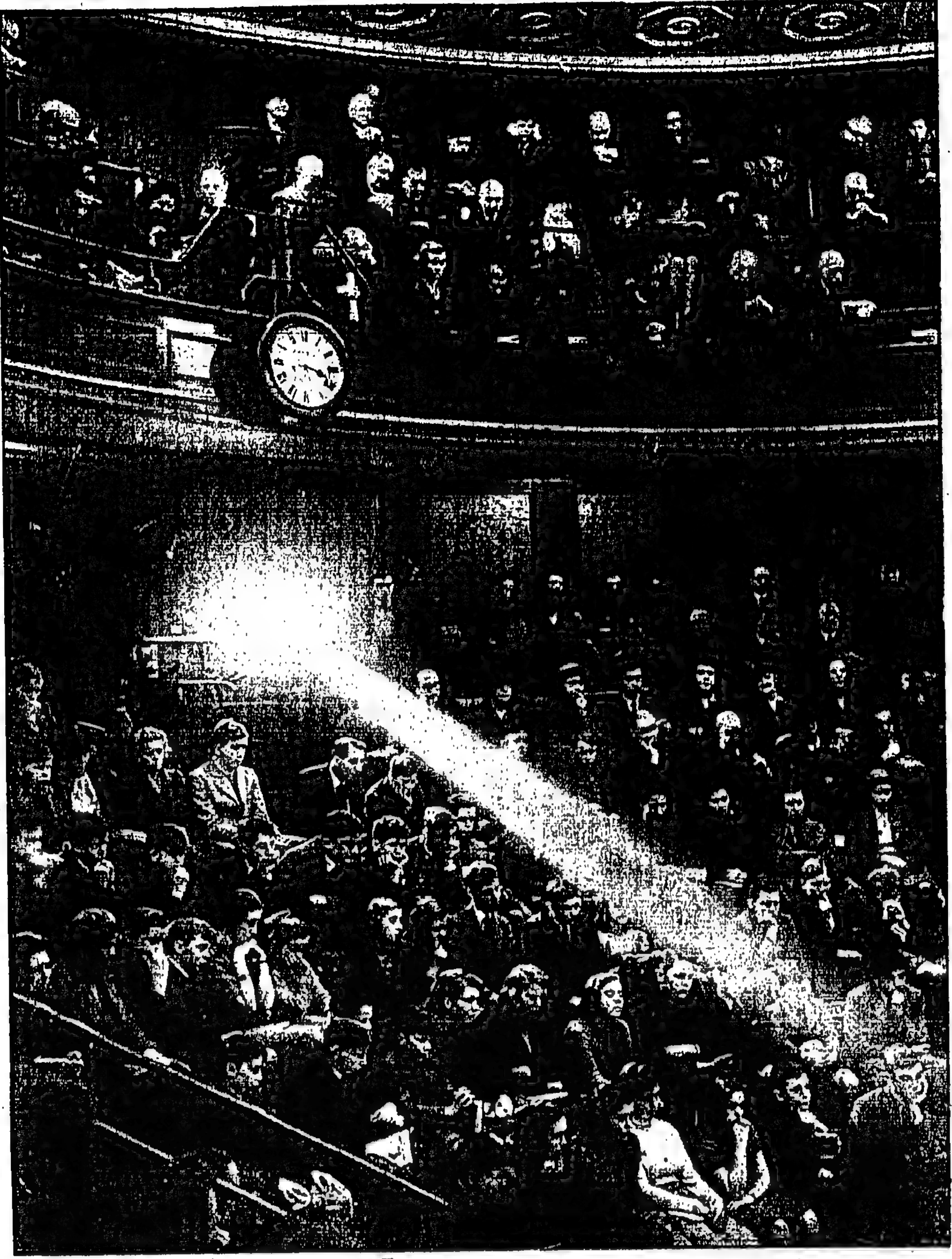
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Jim Weller, signalman, porter, booking-clerk and ticket-collector, locks up the Southern Railway Station on the Devil's Dyke, near Brighton, for the last time. The railway which the station serves is closing down because of the lack of passengers. Below we show you a typical day in the life of Mr. Weller, the one man station staff.



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MIRROR SCARES AWAY BANDIT

A REFLECTION in a mirror is believed to have scared away the assailant of a sixty-four-year-old trader attacked in his lock-up shop in Railway-approach, Twickenham, Middlesex, recently.

The attacker ran from the shop, leaving the shopkeeper, Mr. Edward P. Lloyd, dazed on the floor. Nothing was touched.

At the moment of the attack, Mr. P. J. Williams, a florist whose shop is next door, had walked out to water his flowers. He later found that his reflection in a mirror in the doorway of Mr. Lloyd's shop could have been seen by any one standing inside.

The police believe that this reflection scared the attacker, causing him to run away. Mr. Williams did not know that anything was wrong until a few minutes later, when Mr. Lloyd staggered out into the street.

Mr. Lloyd said that the man came into his shop three times and asked questions.

The third time, as he spoke, he pulled a heavy instrument from his pocket and hit the shopkeeper on the head.

Those who saw the man loitering about the street before the attack, including Mr. Williams' girl assistant, agree that he was handsome, aged twenty-two to twenty-seven, about six foot tall, with dark, well-greased hair, and dark suit.

Woman Wanted To Slap P.C.s

Market Harborough. Mrs. W. J. Southam, smartly dressed widow of a rich Northamptonshire auctioneer, was turned out of Market Harborough police court recently after she had threatened to slap two policemen's faces.

Mrs. Southam, who was sitting in a front seat, jumped up after a minor case had been heard and tried to address the Bench. A police superintendent spoke to her, but she refused to sit down and the magistrates ordered her to be ejected.

For the next hour her shouts could be heard from outside, and once she attempted to re-enter the court. Finally, she was told that if she wanted to make an application she could do so in writing, and a note was taken from her to the Bench. The magistrates considered it but made no comment.

Mrs. Southam said later that she had been threatened with a rate summons and wanted advice from the Bench.

Burma-Yunnan Road

London. THE possibility of the Government giving any assistance towards the improvement of the Burma-Yunnan Road was referred to in a question in the House of Commons recently.

Captain P. Macdonald asked the Under-Secretary of State for Burma whether the Government of Burma is giving any assistance to improvement of the existing road to the Chinese frontier whence it is continued to Yunnan; and, if not, whether, in view of the development of this trade route to the Far East, it can bring this thoroughfare up to modern standards?

Lieut.-Colonel Muirhead: The Government of Burma have already brought the road from Lashio to the Chinese frontier—a distance of about 120 miles—up to an all-weather standard, and further work is in progress upon its improvement.

CHINESE GUERILLAS MAKE IMPORTANT ADVANCES

ICHANG, Feb. 27. BITTER FIGHTING which started afresh several days ago on the eastern section of the Hankow-Ichang highway at Takwan-miao and Wamiotai was continued unabated throughout the last week-end, with strong Chinese reinforcements steadily pushing up from the rear.

After a momentary recapture by Chinese guerrillas, Wamiotai was again lost to the Japanese who are now checked from further westward advance by regular Chinese forces.

Along the Kichang-Chungsiang highway, which runs to the north and paralleling the Hankow-Ichang highway, 200 Japanese forces with field guns are making a concerted drive westward on the Chinese positions at Shihlu.

Another column of Japanese forces, flanking the Chinese left wing at Sunkiao, has been repulsed with considerable loss.

To the south of the Hankow-Ichang highway, the Chinese right wing is effectively holding out against the invaders in the vicinity of Yokow, which the Japanese entered last week. The enemy force at Yokow are bringing up reinforcements from Hankow and for the present are satisfied with intermittent bombardment on Tsenkiang, ten miles west of Yokow, on the Han River.

Several attempts made by the invaders to cross the Shiang River to the south-east of Yokow, flanking the Chinese defenders, who hold stubbornly on their positions with no signs of yielding.

CHIHSHIEN RETAKEN. Chenchow, Feb. 27. Chinese guerrillas in eastern Honan have re-captured Chihshien, small town ten miles south of Lanfeng, during the last week-end, according to a military despatch received yesterday.

The guerrillas attacked Chihshien in a series of raids, completely wiping out the feeble Japanese garrison of about 50 men, and re-entered the town without a single loss.

SOUTH SHANSI BATTLE IMMINENT. Tungkuang, Feb. 27. A big battle is expected to break out soon in south Shansi as more than 4,000 Japanese troops from Anyi, Yungchong and the vicinity are driving south-eastward in the direction of Yunkiao, strategic town on the Shansi-Honan border.

Japanese vanguards, according to a report reaching here, have already clashed with Chinese defenders at Hengliakwan near Yunkiao.

JAPANESE ATTACKED IN NORTHERN HONAN. LoYang, Feb. 27. More than 300 Japanese troops with several artillery pieces were waylaid by Chinese forces at a village about seven miles east of Po Ai, terminus of the Taikow-Chinghua Railway in northern Honan, last Friday.

Taken completely by surprise, the Japanese were thrown into great confusion and suffered considerable losses during the fighting.

GUERILLAS MARCH ON SOOCHOW

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27. A STRONG detachment of Chinese guerrillas are rapidly marching on Soochow, scenic city known as Venice of China on the Nanking-Shanghai Railway, about 54 miles west of Shanghai.

The mobile fighters, according to a report from Shanghai, commenced their drive on Soochow during the Lunar New Year and have recaptured a village called Likow, less than 10 miles from the city. They succeeded in inflicting considerable losses on the Japanese and seizing a large quantity of arms and ammunition.

On February 21 and 22, the National flag was seen flying at Chimen, one of the north city gates of Soochow.

The same flag was also sighted at the different bridges along the Soochow-Shanghai Highway. All these bridges have been damaged by the guerrillas in order to impede Japanese communication.

JOCKEY GOES TO HOSPITAL AFTER FIRST RACE SPILL. (Continued from Page 1.)

the barrier, and played up to such an extent that it got away to a bad start, but was soon displaced by Sydney Lad. The hay could not hold its lead, however, and was displaced by the Shanghai entry in the straight, Candlelight entering home an easy winner. The time was six seconds outside the record.

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LATE NEWS

Czar's Niece: Sudden Illness

London, Feb. 28. Princess Andrew, niece of the late Czar of Russia, was suddenly taken seriously ill to-day.

Prince Andrew and his mother, the Grand Duchess Xenia of Russia, are at the sick bed.

The family occupy a suite of rooms in Hampton Court Palace—Trans-Ocean.

CITIZENSHIP SOUGHT

Fort Bragg, Cal. Mrs. Kalsa Gerberg has taken out her naturalization papers at the age of 82. She was born in Finland in 1856 and had been in this country for 50 years. She wants to cast her ballot as an American citizen.

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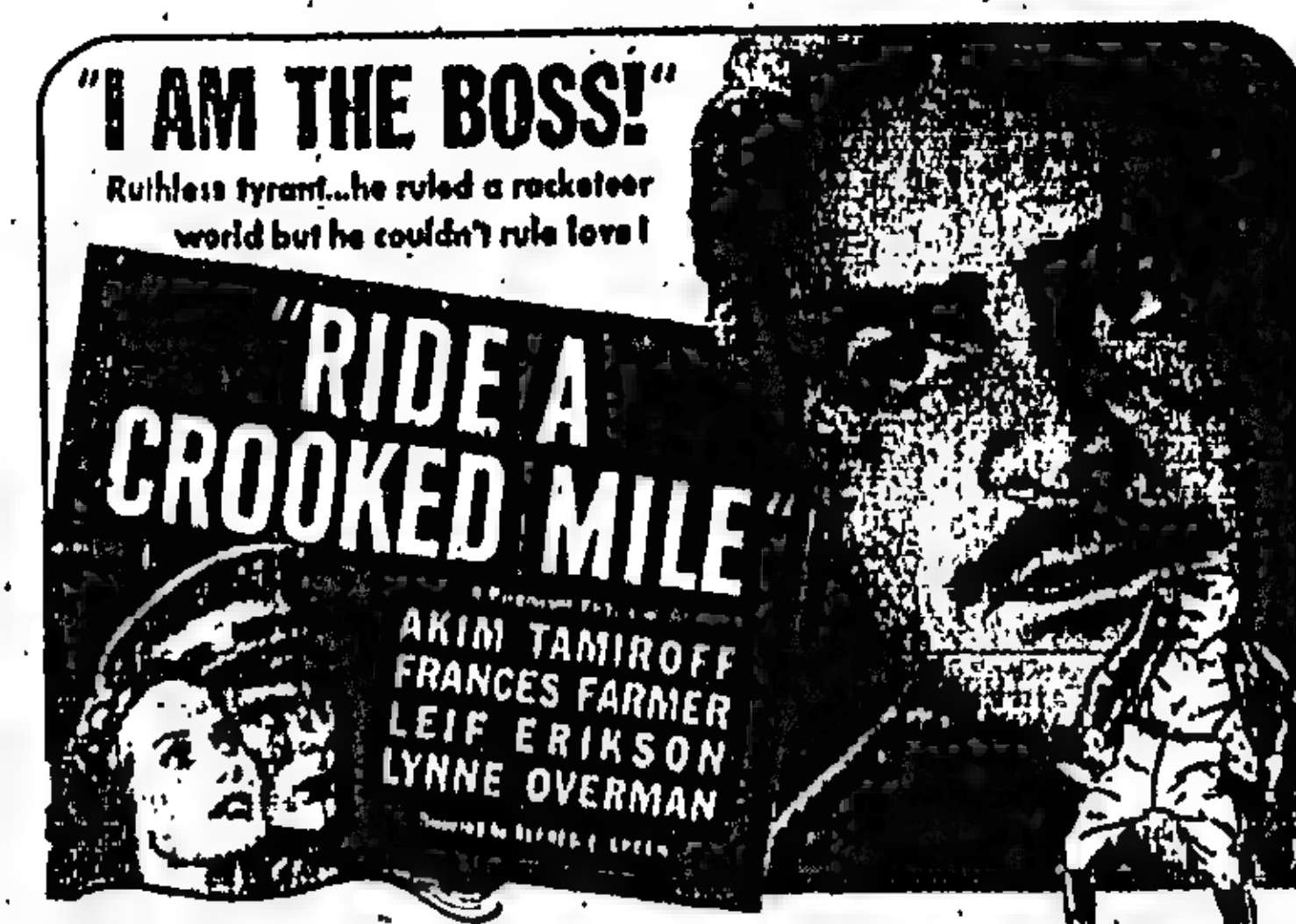
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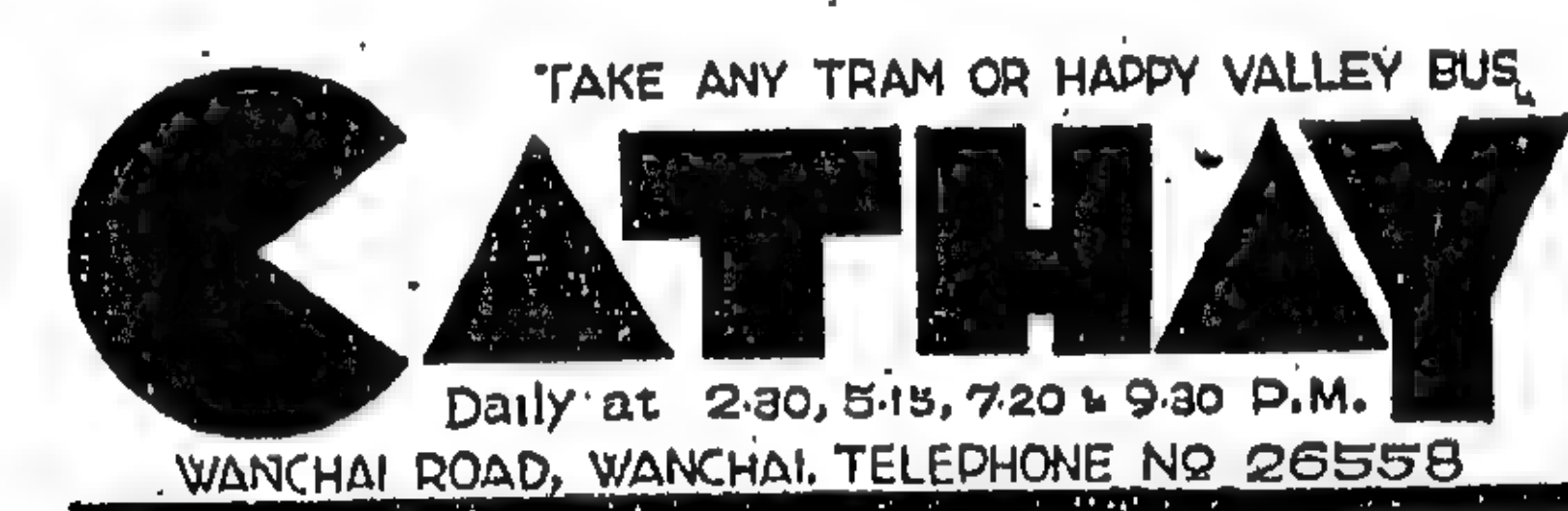
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Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the initiator on the polymerization of α -methylstyrene in the presence of SnCl_4 at 0°C . The concentration of α -methylstyrene was 0.5 mol/L , and the concentration of SnCl_4 was 0.01 mol/L . The polymerization was carried out in CH_2Cl_2 for 24 h. The concentration of the initiator was 0.001 (a), 0.002 (b), 0.005 (c), 0.01 (d), 0.02 (e), 0.05 (f), 0.1 (g), 0.2 (h), 0.5 (i), and 1.0 (j) mol/L .

ONLY ONE KILT AT SCOTTISH SHOW

THE only kilt at the private view recently of the Scottish Art Exhibition, at the Royal Academy, was in a frame.

The laird had for the occasion changed into morning coat, lavender grey waistcoat, and a pair of spats, said "How d'you do?" and did the social round on the edge of the gilt frames as the English do once a year.

The only Glenarry present was a satin one with a bunch of ospreys in it.

There was a time—two hundred years ago—when the chieftain was so proud of his tartan he even wrapped his feet in it.

The full Highland dress, in a glass case, had tight-fitting trousers with tartan socks and spats all in one. There is a picture, painted in 1665, of the first kilt, rather like a shrunken petticoat, and a picture of the original kilt. It is William St. Clair, of Roslin, captain of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, driving off on the links with a thistle at his heel.

He wore black velvet knee breeches, a red hunting coat, bows of ribbon above his calf, and his club looked like a long-handled hockey stick. His golf ball is numbered for identification purposes.

RUBY GARLANDS

There is the whole history of Scottish dress in the exhibition from the early days when kilts were garlanded with rubies round the waist and the blade of the dirk was sharp, to the decadent '80's when the tartan was a dressing-gown and the chieftain wore a white cloth like an icebag round his head.

Nearly all the portraits are of men—they seem to have possessed all the beauty and vanity of the period.

There is a piece of embroidery worked by Mary Queen of Scots that is no better than the rest but drew a bigger crowd; an evening gown that Prince Charles once danced with; and a still-life of pears and fruit.

Woman Wins Art Prize

Sydney. For the first time in history the Archibald Prize, recognized as the guardian of Australian art, has been won by a woman. She is Miss Nora Heyson, daughter of Miss Heyson, one of Australia's greatest landscape painters.

The Archibald Prize is worth about £450. In winning it, Miss Heyson defeated some of Australia's leading portrait painters.

The portrait she submitted was of Madame Elinck Schuurmann, wife of the Consul-General for the Netherlands.

Miss Heyson, who recently returned from London, was not formerly well-known as a portrait painter, but was regarded as an eminent exponent of still-life, especially flowers and fruit.

Mortgage Runs 138 Years

Dallas, Pa. Attorneys have discovered an unsettled, 138-year-old mortgage on 120 acres now occupied by the College of Misericordia here which calls for an annual payment of 99 bushels of wheat. College officials are seeking to trace the heirs of the mortgagor to obtain clear title to the land.



St. Moritz, famed summer and winter resort of the Swiss Alps, brings many noted persons together from throughout the world. A recent visitor there was Dr. Milan Stoyadinovich, Premier of Yugoslavia, shown as he surveyed the winter activities.

WATER IN LONDON'S A.R.P. TRENCHES

THERE was 5ft. 6ins. of muddy water in A.R.P. trenches on Primrose Hill, N.W., recently forty days after the Home Office circular to local authorities asking them to make trenches permanent by steel and concrete reconstruction.

The flood was rising all the time. The trenches were expected to overflow.

The A.R.P. department of St. Pancras Borough Council, who are responsible for the trenches, said:—

"We are at present experimenting with other trenches in Regent's Park. One section there is being converted. When we have ascertained the cost of concreting and roofing this specimen section, we shall go into the question of costs for the whole trench system with the Home Office."

That is typical of the attitude of local authorities all over the country. The object of the Home Office plan was to enable local authorities which adopted it to go ahead with the work without further reference to the Home Office.

WATCHMAN GUARDS But local authorities are debating costs—whether timber rat and trench-cave in.

Further up Primrose Hill are other trenches dug by order of Hampstead Borough Council.

A watchman stood beside them. His job was to stop children falling in—because if they had fallen in they might have drowned in the mud and water.

Hampstead Borough Council's A.R.P. department said: "The council are considering the question in the light of the Home Office request. It is a bit early to say yet what will be done about the trenches."

Half-finished trenches in St. James's Park, near the Admiralty, are railed off from the public walks. Notice boards read: "It is dangerous to go near these trenches."

The depth of water in them is about 2ft. Westminster City Council are uncertain about their future. They say: "Some are to be filled in, some are not."

The council, like other authorities, are counting the cost of making trenches permanent. They are afraid of exceeding Home Office A.R.P. grants.

The Home Office circular issued on November 25 informed local authorities that they could count on obtaining a twelve-year loan sanction for expenditure involved, including that on preliminary work, and claim A.R.P. grants at the appropriate rate on the annual outlay.

A.R.P. expenditure, including that on trenches, is borne up to 60 per cent. by the Government and up to 40 per cent. by the local authority.

The twelve-year loan sanction was believed to have been adopted to deal with semi-permanent work.

RADIOLYMPIA THIS YEAR

There will be a Radiolympia, after all, this year. For a £50,000 co-operative advertising campaign to replace it was turned down by a meeting of radio manufacturers yesterday.

Officials of the Radio Manufacturers' Association explained that the industry was committed to the hire of Olympia, so that unless the exhibition were held it would mean a financial loss.

Concrete Mixers Taxed

Cleveland, O. All owners of concrete mixers and tar spreaders here now must take out automobile licenses. It was announced by Chief of Police Prosecutor Gerald Piliard. The licenses cost \$200 and \$300.

Gracie's 'No' To 4 Shows A Day

Los Angeles, Calif. Gracie Fields, who left Hollywood for England recently, was asked by Twentieth Century Films to appear on the New York stage for one week.

And Gracie was willing—on conditions.

"They are asking me to do four shows daily," she said "but if New York audiences want to see what I can do, I must give 'em my whole bag of tricks and two shows a day will be enough."

Gracie added that Mr. Daryl Zanuck wanted her to stay in Hollywood, but she was determined to make her next two films in England. Then, if her contract was continued, she might agree to work in Hollywood.

"I'm afraid if I came here for good, Hollywood might make me fat and half and use the wrong halves," she said.

"Maybe later they'll get to know me better; in fact they're beginning to now."

"A few weeks back I felt it was useless to do splits and cartwheels for American applause. But now, if they'll let me do my job in my own way, I'll get 'em to like me as well as English folks do."

He Guarded Windsor Castle

Inspector Edmund Dear retired recently from his post as Metropolitan police chief at Windsor Castle.

He was formerly personal detective to the Duke of Windsor and was one of the few who knew beforehand that the Duke was to abdicate.

Inspector Dear served twenty-six years in the force and was appointed to Windsor Castle in 1934.

Sucked Under By Tons Of Sand In A Mixer

WITH a doctor standing by, a gang of men worked desperately at Greenford, Middlesex, recently, to rescue a fellow-workman who was buried in 18 tons of sand in a mixer.

The drama was at the works of the Rockware Glass Syndicate, Ltd.

When, after an hour's work, the man was reached, he was dead. He was Richard Martindale, aged 32, of Wellington-road, Roxeth, Harrow.

He was in charge of mixing the materials for the night shift work. "NOT A CHANCE"

In the factory vast quantities of very fine sand and other materials are poured into the mixers through a gigantic funnel, sometimes the narrow neck of a funnel checks the flow.

Usually when this occurs the man in charge frees it with a long pole; sometimes, however, if he thinks he can make it flow more easily he jumps on the sand in the mouth of the hopper. That is what Martindale did but a second before his feet touched the sand, the sand freed itself and started

Imports Wild Geese

Willows, Cal. Thirty wild geese, of half a dozen different varieties, which took refuge on the Spaulding wildfowl refuge after being wounded by hunters, have been shipped to Peter Scott, British ornithologist, who asked that 80 such birds be sent him if possible.

Modern Toys "Too Perfect"

Your children probably play with mechanically-perfect toys, realistic dolls, and teddy-bears. But are they as happy and carefree as you were with less elaborate things to amuse you?

Miss Ethel Strudwick, headmistress of St. Paul's Girls' School, who describes herself as "a thoroughly old-fashioned woman" thinks not.

Speaking at the Public Health Conference in London recently, she said:

"When I think of an old carpenter's bench in the corner of my father's studio on which was perched a doll's house consisting of a wooden box on end, I wonder whether this newfound passion for giving children baby dolls exactly like the real thing, or teddy-bears all glorious with plush, is really making them happier than did the old make-believe toys which left so much to the imagination."

THIS REALISTIC AGE

Miss L. H. Crocker, of the Pioneer Health Centre, Peckham, commenting to the *News Chronicle* on this statement admitted its truth, but added:

"Miss Strudwick's statement is no argument against a realistic doll. When she was a child she probably had some lovely toys herself, but she remembers only those most familiar to her and those she used for her own imaginative purposes."

"We live in an age of skill, so the child of this age must have technically perfect toys or be separated from the reality of his environment."

Miss Strudwick, asked to reply to this, observed:

"I had not lovely toys, and did not miss them. It is a great pity that the children of to-day do not live in a simpler age, for their own sakes, poor things!"

"I notice that children who are simply brought up to know the real pleasure of fresh air and the open country are much happier than those who live in nurseries crowded with elaborate mechanical toys."

Girl Dances Till 2 a.m. To Pass Exams.

Stanley, Co. Durham.

Few people can hope to win one open scholarship at Oxford or Cambridge, but Joan Charlton, 18-years-old daughter of a Stanley colliery clerk, has just won two—one at each University.

And on the eve of both examinations she danced until two in the morning.

"Swotting before examinations is dangerous," she said, "When I was younger I used to get very nervous, but now I always go and dance the night before."

It was Joan's first attempt to win a scholarship.

"Rod" Turns Into Snake

Cookstown, Australia.

Bitten on the foot by a snake, William Howard reached down for a stick with which to kill it, but the "stick" turned out to be another snake, which bit him on the arm. Prompt medical attention saved Howard.



If I had done as I was told— I wouldn't have this nasty cold!

Give me



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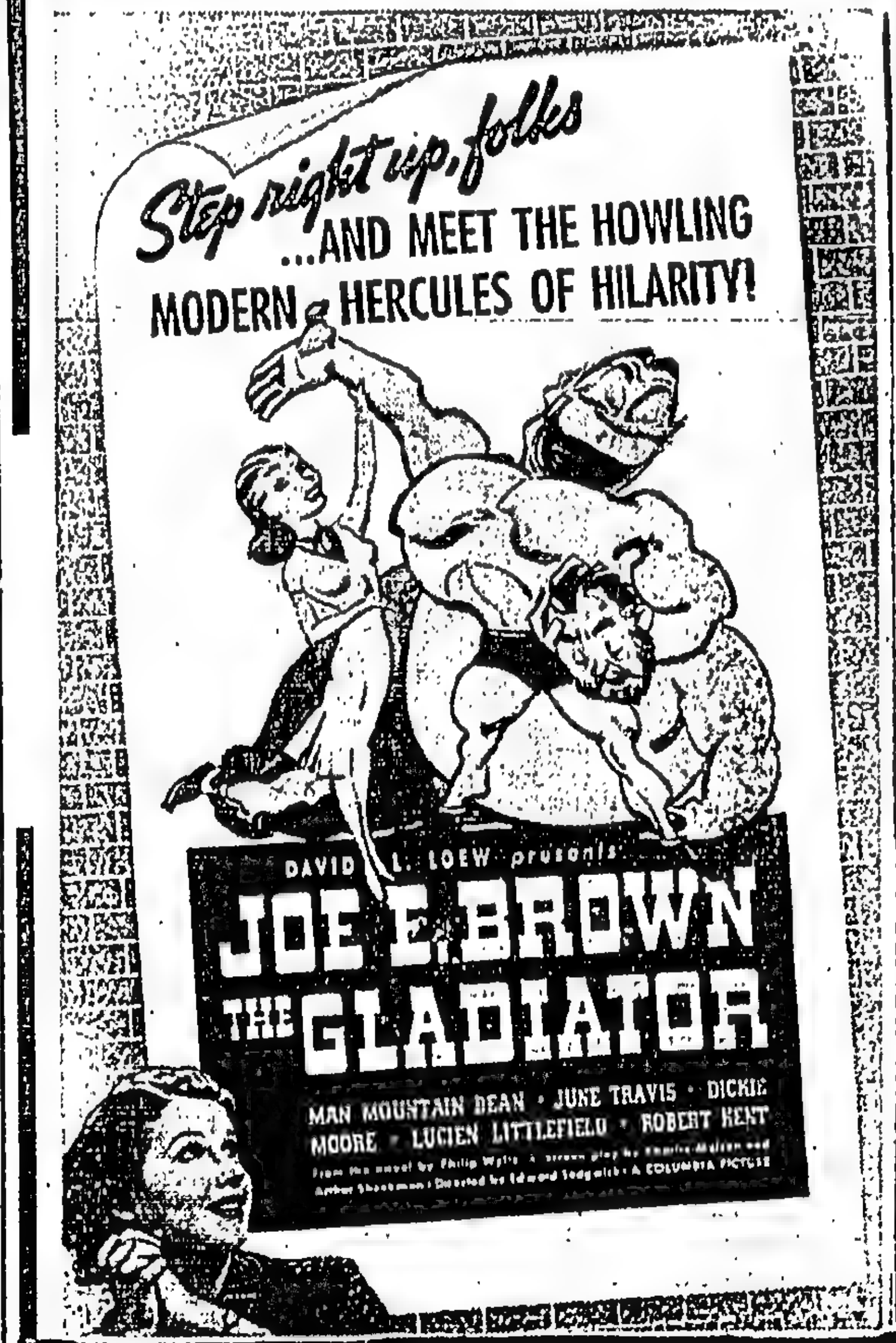


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MYSTERY OF BRITISH FILM STUDIOS

WHILE three new British films are packing cinemas up and down the country, British studio floors are only 10 per cent. active. Why is this?

Biggest success of the year seems to be "The Citadel," which was seen by 130,000 people at the Empire, Leicester-square, W., in one week.

PYGMALION RECORD

This audience would keep a West End play going for more than five months.

"Sixty Glorious Years," recently released recently, is taking on the average 35 per cent. more than "Victoria the Great." It has been booked solid for four and five weeks by many halls.

"Pygmalion" has broken box-office records at Hastings, Brighton, Coventry, Chesterfield and Luton. The largest hall in Sydney, N.S.W., has booked it for a three months run.

Yet to-day only eight films are being made on the 80 British studio floors, as against the peak figure of 30 in 1935.

This paradoxical prosperity is striking. The answer is simply one of finance.

CITY IS SHY

The "Era," official mouthpiece of cinema showmen, declares bluntly: "The City's confidence has been sadly shaken. Nevertheless, it is adopting the attitude of a man who, having been caught by a share-pusher, refuses to deal with the Stock Exchange. Having bought gold bricks, it will not admit the existence of gold mines."

1939 will probably see a change in the backing of British films. Instead of financing production costing £100,000 on the doubtful gamble of the United States market, pictures costing from £25,000 to £40,000 will be encouraged. At least 40 films of this grade are already planned by Mr. Michael Balcon at Ealing, Mr. Walter Mycroft at Elstree, and Mr. Edward Black at the Gainsborough studios.

BABIES IN COLD STORAGE!

Sydney. Unusual measures were taken to save the lives of five babies who collapsed during a heat wave at Griffith, N.S.W.

On the advice of doctors they were placed in the Griffith Producers' cool stores, where a moderate temperature was specially maintained.

Their parents sat beside the babies during a week-end.

Woman's Record As Ground Engineer

THE honour of being the only woman in Queensland to hold the certificate of a ground engineer, belongs to Mrs. G. R. Bell, who recently arrived in Brisbane with her husband, who is Queensland Traffic Manager of Airlines of Australia.

When Squadron-Leader Bell was air-balcon officer with the R.A.A.F. in London 10 years ago, his wife, who has always been intensely interested in aeroplanes, trained for her certificate with the de Havilland Company in Stag Lane.

"It didn't seem to me particularly clever," said Mrs. Bell, when talking of her award. "My number was 444, which shows that 443 other people had obtained certificates before me." Born in Tasmania, Mrs. Bell has spent a lot of time abroad, and next to aeroplanes, riding is her chief hobby. She has one daughter, aged 13.

A GREAT HELP

With her qualifications, Mrs. Bell should be of great help to the aviation section of the Women's Defence Legion, of which Mrs. E. F. Finlay is in charge, and in which Mrs. Bell has shown her interest by consenting to take charge of the transport section.

Although the section is yet in its infancy, plans are being formulated for training and drill, and Mrs. Bell hopes to provide her volunteers with facilities for driving heavy vehicles, convey driving, and driving as a body.

Women of any age from 17-50 are acceptable as volunteers. If they can drive a car, a motor boat, or a motor cycle, ride a horse or a bicycle, know anything about mechanics, or would accept positions as cleaners or orderlies.

Indian Bride Runs Away

New York. Recently, Arthur Ochiltree, Scottish-born New York opera star, should have been spending the first day of his honeymoon.

Instead, he is wondering where his sweetheart, an exotic Indian under-graduate, Bonnie Bee Berryhill, could be hiding.

While he was making final plans for the marriage, his fiancée fled from New York.

A telegram to friends told Ochiltree: "I can't go through with the marriage. I have run away."

EMPIRE NEWS

AUSTRALIA

FLOUR EXCISE TAX OPPOSED

SYDNEY. A strong agitation has developed in Socialist circles against the Government's imposition of an Excise tax on flour to finance the subsidy to wheat growers. There is to be a local consumption price of 4s. 8d. a bushel.

Wheat used in Australia only amounts to about one-third of the total production, and the overseas price is now the equivalent only of 1s. 10d. a bushel. As was inevitable, bakers have had to pass on the flour tax to the bread consumer by increasing the price by 1s. a 2lb. loaf. Labour admits that the wheat-grower must be helped, but contends that this should be done out of general taxation revenue.

Physical Education Chief.—Mr. Gordon Young, until recently Director of Physical Education at the Y.M.C.A. in London, has arrived to become the first Director of Physical Education to the New South Wales Government.

JAMAICA

CENSUS TO BE TAKEN NEXT YEAR

Kingston. The Legislative Council recently decided to take a census of the island next year at a cost of £25,000. In 1931 a request for a census was rejected by the Council on the ground of economy.

MAURITIUS

LAND SETTLEMENT FOR UNEMPLOYED

Port Louis. The Government recently began a new land settlement plan in the Midlands district to relieve unemployment in the sugar cane plantations in the northern and western parts of the island. The drought this year has caused heavy destruction of cane.

The unemployed began a march on the capital, asking for a dole or work, but were stopped by the police.

The co-operation between the new Labour Department and planters is bearing fruit. The Government is daily transporting men in special trains from the workless districts to the less affected areas where work is still available.

tree: "I can't go through with the marriage. I have run away." Mr. Ochiltree said: "She is an adorable, spoiled brat and a head-strong kid, but I still love her."



High enthusiasm greeted French Premier Edouard Daladier as he arrived in Bizerta, Tunisia, to inspect France's Mareth line of fortifications between French North Africa and Italian Libya. Here he is welcomed by Tunisian children.

For 80 Years He Lived In The Dark

COMBE HAY (near Bath, Somerset). AFTER living in terror of daylight for eighty years, Mr. George Edward Smart, Lord of the Manor of Combe Hay, was carried by villagers to Combe Hay church just after dusk recently to lie in his coffin before the altar in the darkness he loved.

When he was nine years old, his eyes were injured while he was at play with a school friend. Ever since then daylight, or anything white, caused agony to his eyes.

Life was unbearable unless he turned day into night, night into day. He died at the age of eighty-nine.

One of the staff of the Manor House of Combe Hay told me to-night:—

"Mr. Smart slept all day with his room closely shuttered against the daylight. As soon as it was dark he would get up. He generally listened to the radio until midnight. "Then he would have his lunch and go out for a drive in his car before returning for his tea. Just before dawn he would go back to bed."

In the beautiful gardens of Combe Hay Manor, where there is a lake, Mr. Smart built an Italian garden and a grove of shells which were sent from all over the world. The lake, the grove and the garden he saw only by moonlight. One of his greatest interests was agriculture, but he could visit agricultural shows only at night, long after they had closed for the day.

He used to go round the cattle pens and other exhibits with a torch.

His servants had to read to him anything printed on white paper. Though the villagers of Combe Hay hardly ever saw their lord of the manor, he was immensely popular with them for his generosity. Years ago, in his young days, he made the manor famous for its parties and social gatherings... always at night.

Suez Film Not To Be Banned

Paris. A Paris Court recently rejected two applications for a ban on the film "Suez" pending legal action. The film is based on a romance woven round the building of the Suez Canal.

The application was made by M. Paul de Lesseps, a son of Ferdinand de Lesseps, the builder of the canal, and the Marquess de Casa Fuerte, a grandnephew of Empress Eugenie, who is represented in the film by Louis Jouvet.

Giving the court's decision, Judge Mailland declared: "This film, which has no claim to literary, artistic or historic merits, contains blunders and improbable or ingenious incidents calculated to evoke mirth rather than imagination. "It contains no message likely to sully the memory of Eugenie de Montijo and Ferdinand de Lesseps in the mind of the audience. There is, therefore, no reason for preventing the exhibition of the film."

"Though foreign, the film-very opportunely recalls that the creation of the Suez Canal was a French work."

"Private Room On Wheels For Basil And Betty"

CANBERRA. A profound change in the relation of the sexes had been brought about by the intention of the automobile, said Professor G. V. Portus, of Adelaide University, to the history section of the Science Congress. Basil could now meet Betty in a private room on wheels, and nobody could say nay, he added.

Snob 'Insult' To Golf Club

NEW complaints of "snobbery" by members of Hastings Downs Golf Club towards artisan members were made at Hastings Town Council meeting recently.

The Council was again considering the proposal to grant £100 a year to the club. The proposal was carried by 24 votes to 11.

Councillor Riddle, who made charges of snobbery at the council's last meeting, quoted from the letter, which was written by an artisan member:—

"The other day some of our chaps were playing when four so-called gentlemen cut in. Just as an artisan was taking his shot one of the gentlemen said: 'You are not allowed to play through you.'"

"ONLY ARTISANS" "The artisan said: 'We are sorry, but you have cut in, and so lose your right to the course.' The gentlemen refused, saying 'You are only artisan members; you are not of the same standing as us.'"

"As for the matches they (the full members) claim to have played with us, we have had one since the club has been formed. We don't approach them for a game because of Rule 10, which states that no artisan member is permitted to play with a member of the parent club except by invitation of the latter."

"On behalf of the artisans, whom I am sure are with me, I thank you at the club."

Professor Portus also said: "If I ask a boy to-day who kissed Hardy, he probably will answer Laurel." After strongly criticising the old method of teaching history, with its emphasis on the doings of royalty and on wars, he said things were better now.

The old form of history, about the private lives of royalty, he described as "snob history."

"When the former Kaiser, now cutting trees at Doorn, was saying 20 years ago that he was God's vice-regent on earth, you heard speaking no modern king but an Elector of Hanover of 400 years ago," said Professor Portus.

He added that economics now dominated history to a considerable extent.

The head of the civil administration section of the Department of the Interior, Mr. C. S. Daley, said he regretted the absence of an historical background in Australia compared with other divisions of the world.

With a knowledge of Australian history and its storied enterprise, and substituting Australia for England, Browning's question could be repeated: "Here and here did Australia help me: How can I help Australia?—say," and in purposeful action find the satisfactory answer.

for showing the public what snobs 99 per cent. of the golf club are."

Councillor Goldman said: "As one of the snobs referred to in that letter which Councillor Riddle, by means best known to himself, has had sent to himself, I protest on behalf of 200 members at his insult which Councillor Riddle has so foolishly flung at the club."



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H.K. Bank, Ltd.	1,385 b.	
Chartered Bank	85 n.	
Commercial Union	95 n.	
Mercantile, A. & B.	27 1/2 n.	
Mercantile, C. & E.	13 n.	
East Asia	88 n.	
INSURANCES		
Canton	21 1/2 b.	
Union	480 n.	
China Underwriters	50 n.	
H.K. Fire	180 b.	
SHIPPING		
Douglas	67 b.	
Steamboats	15 n.	
Indo-China	60 n.	
Indo-China, D.S.	24 n.	
Shell Bearer	84 1/2 n.	
Waterboats	9 n.	
DOCKS ETC.		
Wharves	110 n.	
Docks (old)	103 1/2 n.	
Docks (new)	103 1/2 n.	
Providence (old)	62 n.	
Providence (new)	62 n.	
New Eng. Sh.	6 n.	
Sh. Docks	95 n.	
MINING		
Kailan s/s	17 1/2 n.	
Rauha	820 n.	
Yenz	3 n.	
Hongkong Mines	5 n.	
Antamok	35 1/2 n.	
Atok	35 1/2 n.	
Baguio Gold	27 n.	
Benguet Cons.	13 50 n.	
Coco Grove	103 n.	
Cons. Mines	10 1/2 n.	
Demonstrations	14 1/2 n.	
Gumma	14 1/2 n.	
San Mauricio	178 n.	
Suyco Consol	65 n.	
Paracale	65 n.	
LANDS		
Hotels	675 n.	
Land 4 1/2 dols.	107 1/2 n.	
Sh. Land	8 50 n.	
Humphreys (x.d.)	8 50 n.	
H.K. Realities	5 15 b.	
Chinese Estates	100 n.	
UTILITIES		
Trams (old)	10 1/2 n.	
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.	
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.	
Star Ferries	23 1/2 n.	
Y. Ferries (old)	23 1/2 n.	
Y. Ferries (new)	23 1/2 n.	
China Lights (old)	8 40 n.	
China Lights (new)	8 40 n.	
H.K. Electric	6 n.	
Munro Electric	18 n.	
Sandakan Lights	9 50 n.	
Telephones (old)	22 1/2 n.	
Telephones (new)	7 1/2 n.	
Tractions s/s (x.d.)	23 1/2 n.	
Tractions (Prof.) s/s	24 1/2 n.	
INDUSTRIAL		
Cald: Macg. (ord.)	14 n.	
Cald: Macg. (Pro.)	14 n.	
Canton Ice	13 1/2 n.	
Cementa	11 1/2 n.	
H.K. Ropes	4 n.	
STORES, &c.		
Dairy Farms	24 b.	
Watsons	7 1/2 n.	
Lane Crawford	8 n.	
Sinceres	13 1/2 n.	
Wing On (H.K.)	41 1/2 n.	
Powell, Ltd.	30 n.	
COTTON MILLS		
Evco Sh.	17 1/2 n.	
S'hal Cotton Sh.	103 n.	
Zoong Sh.	24 n.	
Wing On Textiles	42 n.	
MISC.		
H.K. Entertainment	7 b.	
Constructions	13 1/2 n.	
Vibro Piling	6 00 n.	
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	67 1/2 n.	
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 3% p.m.	par. n.	
H.K. Loan 3 1/2% p.m.	par. n.	
Marsmans (Lond.)	15 1/2 n.	
Marsmans (H.K.)	3 1/2 n.	

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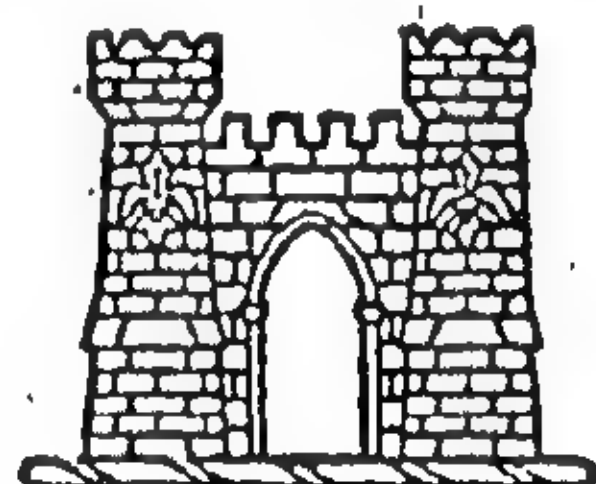
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Holy Land Deadlock

The Palestine talks in London
appear to have reached an
impasse, a conclusion that was
forecast before they commenced.
At present the chances of Mr.
Malcolm MacDonald being able
to find any point of common
agreement between Jews and
Arabs on which a compromise
settlement can be reached are
extremely slim.

The cases of Jews and Arabs
which the respective delegates
solemnly and laboriously repeat
are already known to the British
Government. The hoary facts
have already been unearthed and
laid before the Government by
half a dozen official commissions
to Palestine.

As both cases are irreconcilable
both sides are manoeuvring for
favoured treatment by trying
to frighten the Government with
the international situation in
relation to the strategic importance
of Palestine in the event of
another crisis.

A crisis is expected next
month in the Mediterranean as
a sequel to a Franco victory in
Spain and Mussolini's demands
on France, and the Arab delega-
tion will continue to use the
importance of a peaceful Pales-
tine as a lever to gain their
objectives.

This is the position at present:
The Arabs insist that Jewish
immigration must be stopped,
land sales by Arabs to Jews
must be prohibited, and an Arab
National Government must be
set up under which the civil and
religious rights would be guaran-
teed.

The Jews insist that Jewish
immigration must be continued
and that on no account must the
Jewish community in Palestine
be relegated to minority status
which, it is claimed, would wreck
the whole meaning and spirit of
the Jewish National Home.

The position is a difficult one.
The Jews, however, appear to
hold the biggest end of the stick.
Another factor has been intro-
duced within recent months—
the attitude of the United States.

The German persecution of
the Jews has made a deep
impression on America and the
British Government cannot
afford to alienate the growing
neo-British sympathy of the
United States by according to
the Arab demands in Palestine.

MRS. FITZPILLSBURY

"Lor'-luv-a-duck!" Was Her
Favourite Expression

by
GEOFFREY SUCKLING

IF YOU WERE to throw
the Hongkong Bank
into the harbour you
could scarcely make a bigger
splash than the one Mrs.
FitzPillsbury made when
she dove into Peak Society
Circles some ten years ago.
I have nothing but admiration
for Mrs. FitzPillsbury. Of the
buxom type, her disposition was
as generous as her figure, and
she made many friends in Hong-
kong.

She had one little peculiarity,
though—a very quaint way of ex-
pressing herself at times. For in-
stance, "Lor'-luv-a-duck!" was a
favourite exclamation of hers.

Of her husband—Archibald—I pre-
fer to say nothing.

I will merely ask you to recall, in
connection with his transfer to west
Africa two years ago, the last line of
that famous little rhyme about the
Plover, the Owl and the Waverley
Pen.

I became acquainted with the
FitzPillsburys through the loss of
the lady's pearl necklace.

Singularly enough, the incident
was never recorded in the Hongkong
papers, so allow me to give you the
details.

On December 24, 1931, I was sit-
ting in my office and pondering over
two problems—(a) how to get hold of
a cutting of *enklanthus splendens*
for my garden, and (b) how to get
rid of my new assistant, who was
turning out to be a numskull of the
first water.

The telephone bell rang; I picked
up the receiver.

"Yes, I am Mr. Suckling, the pri-
vate detective," I said, "and you?"

"It's Mrs. FitzPillsbury speaking,
of 964, the Peak."

"I suppose you want your husband
shadowed, madam?"

"Lor'-luv-a-duck! No! I've lost me
jools."

At the word "jools" I recoiled
slightly.

"And you want me to find them for
you?"

"Ain't you clever! Of course I do.
My husband isn't half cut up about it,
and he's carrying on like anyfink."

"Please describe the jewels, madam,
and where did you lose them?"

"It's me ten thousand dollar pearl
necklace, what's gone. I was wearin'
it at St. Andrew's Ball last night and
I don't know whether it's been took
off from me or whether I dropped it.
Big as pigeons' eggs those pearls was
—seventy-two of them. Ow much
do you want to get them back for me?"

"I don't as a rule discuss my fee
over the telephone," I told her, but
it happens to be \$500 an hour, or, if
you prefer to pay by results, ten per
cent of the value of the necklace
when it's recovered."

Silence for several seconds.

"Supposing it ain't worth quite
\$10,000," she asked, "what then?"

"In that case, madam, I should be
content with an official valuation."

Was it a snigger I heard?—surely
not!

"I'll pay by results," she said.
"Better come up and see me."

I gave a suitable reply, and hung
up the receiver.

Now for action!

I mobilised the staff.

"Waffles McTurbot—Ah Lum!" I
called.

Waffles stepped forward.

"Yes, boss?" he said.

I blanched as I looked at his slop-
ing forehead.

"Don't call me boss!" I snapped.

"Where's Ah Lum?"

Ah Lum appeared. Ah Lum was
my gardener until I promoted him
assistant sleuth. Now he calls him-
self "the Charlie Chan of Hongkong."

"Ah Lum," I commanded, "bring
two pieces no. 4 disguise chop chop.
Then take ten cents petty cash, go
smoky smoky shop, and catchee this!"

I wrote on a piece of paper: "TWO
FLOR DE CABBAGIO CIGARS—
and don't forget to bring back
change."

"You Waffles," I said, "will please
try to forget for a while that you are
the underpaid assistant of a famous
detective and imagine yourself a re-
spectable sharebroker. Ah Lum will
give you the necessary outfit—bowler
hat, gent's natty blue suit, horn-
rimmed glasses and spats. You may
select a few articles of jewellery if
you like, but don't overdo it. If you
take my advice, you will not attempt
to light the cigar that I shall give
you. A little judicious chewing will
be quite sufficient."

Having issued these instructions, I
quickly changed my own dress, and,
in a few minutes, quite a creditable
transformation had taken place in
both my own and Waffles' appear-
ance. I agreed for once with a sug-
gestion from Waffles—a buttonhole
certainly would put a finishing touch
to the ensemble.

Ten minutes later we were in the
Peak Tram and I was explaining to
my assistants the nature of the case
we were embarked upon.

Like a hound straining at the leash,
Waffles was all agog when I described
what I knew of Mrs. FitzPillsbury,
and he literally quivered with excite-
ment when I happened to mention
that she had once been known as the
"Belle of Hoxton."

At the precincts of no. 964, the
Peak, I called Ah Lum aside.

"You look see," I told him, "any
flower beds have got footprints?"

Then, remembering that FitzPills-
bury was a keen horticulturist, I added:
"Don't forget *enklanthus splendi-*
derus—all the same Chinese call muk
sat sa—make very nice flower;
look very nice my garden."

"Can do," said Ah Lum and
slightly departed.

Waffles and I approached the house.
On the door-step was a stranger.

He might be the thief.

We decided to contact him.

"Excuse me, Sir," I said, lifting my
bowler. "Isn't this ideal weather
for a little flutter? What about a few
Antanoks to start with? Or I can
let you have some Peak Trams very
cheap. They're always moving, you
know—going up and down every
day—so you're sure to make a hand-
some profit. Of course, if you pre-
fer—"

"Wait a minute, boss!" cut in
Waffles. "Let me show the gentle-
man a nice line in Cottons."

"Shut up, you fool!" I hissed in
his ear. "You're a sharebroker—
not a haberdasher."

Then the stranger spoke, and he
made a most extraordinary remark.

"Who let you out?" he asked.

I drew myself up.

"I'm afraid I don't quite follow
you," I replied, "but in case you are
trying to be sly, let me inform
you that we are detectives, and that
anything you say will be taken down,
altered, and used in evidence against
you."

The rude fellow laughed.

"I'm Mr. Archibald FitzPillsbury,"
he said, "and I guess you've come
about the necklace. Better go inside
and see my wife."

Now why couldn't he have told us
that before?

Mrs. FitzPillsbury was delighted to
see us.

No, she had not missed the neck-
lace till she went to bed... Yes, the
billboard had been thoroughly search-
ed... No, she did not suspect any-
one... Was she in the habit of lock-
ing her bedroom door at night?

Lor'-luv-a-duck, what a question to
ask a lady! Better enquire from
Mr. Archibald.

I thanked her, and intimated that,
with her permission, we would take
a look through the house.

"You start at the top and work
down, Waffles," I said, "and I will
start on the ground floor and work
up."

It was in the pantry that I came
across an important clue—a perfectly
good bottle of whisky with a finger-
print on it. Pardon me, I mean: a
bottle of whisky with a perfectly
good finger-print on it.

I carefully laid the bottle in a des-
patch case I had brought with me
labelled SHARES, and was just about
to turn my attention to a boiled
chicken in the refrigerator, when a
most startling thing occurred.

The air was rent by a lady's pier-
cing screams, mingled with hysterical
laughter.

What on earth was happening?

The sound seem to come from one
of the bedrooms, so I dropped the
chicken and dashed upstairs. Archi-
bald rushed past me and flung open
a door.

As we entered, Mrs. FitzPillsbury
was exclaiming, "Now, now, now,
young fellow! Don't you get
fresh with me! I don't mind a bottle
of beer and a bit of fun, but none of
that!"

What did it all mean?

Of course Waffles would be there
but why was he bending over Mrs.
FitzPillsbury with a tape measure in
his hand, and why had she changed
into evening dress at eleven o'clock
in the morning?

Before I had time to figure the
whole thing out, the infuriated hus-
band, making a bee dive for Waffles,
had clutched the poor fish by the
nape of his neck and catapulted him
half way across the room.

"Now, perhaps," he spluttered, "you
will be good enough to explain why
you were manhandling my wife!"

It was obvious that, if any light
were to be thrown on the situation,
Waffles was the only one to do it, for
his lady was lying on the bed in
the last throes of hysteria.

But it took five minutes before
Waffles, who was completely wind-
ed, was able to blurt: "I was d-d-doing
nothing—only t-t-testing a theory."

And then, as he grew more com-
posed: "The whole thing's a ghastly
mistake. You see, I had an idea the
necklace might have come undone
and slipped down Mrs. FitzPillsbury's
neck, so I asked her to kindly put on
the dress she was wearing at the ball.
I was taking a few measure-
ments when you fellows barged in."

"I say, Sir," he went on, turning to
Archibald, "I think you owe me an
apology—treating me like a blooming
shuttlecock!"

"Me owe you an apology!" gasped
Archibald, forgetting his grammar in
the intensity of his fury. "Here,
take this lounge lizard away," he ap-
pealed to me, "before I tread on
him."

Mrs. FitzPillsbury raised herself
on her elbow.

"Lor'-luv-a-duck!" she screamed
and collapsed once more.

Waffles and I faded away.

Waiting for us on the road, we
found Ah Lum. My dejection
vanished as I noticed he held a cut-
ting of one of the finest roots of
enklanthus splendens I have ever
seen.

"Ah Lum," I murmured, patting
him on the back, "you, at least, have
done your duty. Now, how about
the footprints? Did you find any?"

"Only this," smiled Ah Lum, show-
ing me the seat of his pants. "The
fa-vo-ur here—he make one big step
on my backside."

"Never mind, Ah Lum," I consoled
him. "In England, people say you
get 'Order of the Boot'—belong very
honourable order."

"May be very honourable," he re-
plied, "but also very sore!"

Arrived at the office, I got the staff
to gather round me, and I produced
the bottle of whisky.

"Here," I told them, "is our only
clue—but an important one neverthe-
less. You will observe that there is
a distinct finger-print on the neck of
the bottle. I want you, Waffles, to
compare the print with our Finger-
Print Register. It may lead us to
the thief who stole Mrs. FitzPills-
bury's pearls. Meanwhile I will
empty the contents into a jug for
examination in the laboratory. It is
quite on the cards that I shall find
traces of dope, or—and I lowered
my voice—"even of poison!"

They both seemed suitably impres-
sioned, and I despatched Ah Lum for half
a dozen bottles of soda water with

which to carry out my experiments.
By the time the soda water was ex-
hausted I had finished half the
whisky but could find no trace of
any deleterious matter having been
added. On the contrary, it was ex-
ceedingly good whisky, and I had to
admit that, whatever other failings
he might have, Archibald was no
mean judge of the staple product of
Scotland.

A further test, with plain water,
might perhaps be advisable, and I
was just going to draw some when
Waffles came in.

"Hullo, Waffles old boy!" I said.
"Can you tell me which is the cold
water tap? There seems to be rather
a lot of them about to-day. I al-
ways thought we had only one. By
the way, have you discovered whose
finger-print it is?"

"Yes," said Waffles, looking at me
rather queerly I thought.

"Then whose is it?" I impatiently
asked.

"Yours," he replied.

For five days the Mystery of the
Pearl Necklace lay unsolved. I had
been "waiting for a break" as our
American friends would say.

And then it came—and via Waffles
of all people!

He burst into the office with: "I
say, Chief! What d'you think! I've
found out that the pearls were false!"

I jumped up. "Explain at once!"

"Last night at the hotel," he began,
"I was skinking the wicked hoo, when
who should I run into but Flossie
Footles. You've met Flossie, of
course?"

"I haven't had the pleasure. But
go on!"

"Well, she's a bit of a gay spark,
and when I mentioned about Mrs.
FitzP. losing her pearls, what do you
think she said?"

"I don't know," I replied. "I give
it up."

"She said—and these were her very
words—'Pearls! Pearls! Pearls! In-
deed! These pearls never saw the
inside of an oyster shell, I'll warrant!'
Before she got hitched to Archibald,
her ladyship was in the chorus of
the 'Belle of New York' with me,
and she was always a losin' of her
'pearls.' Woolworth pearls they
were. Losin' joolry is like second
nature to her, and from what you
told me, it seems she's still got the
'bit.'"

Now what do you think of that?"

I had to admit that, to say the least,
his news was startling.

"But if it's true," I said, "then
we're in the soup—even if we do re-
cover the necklace—because I agreed
to accept his payment ten per cent.
of its value."

"Not at all!" replied Waffles. "From
my short and none too pleasant ac-
quaintance with Mrs. FitzPillsbury,
I'm certain she isn't the type that
would admit to wearing imitation
jewellery."

And then he expounded his plan.

"In the Gloucester Arcade," he
said, "is a shop where, for a modest
outlay, you can purchase a string of
artificial pearls as good—if not better
—than the real stuff."

"I suggest we get a necklace made
up, and hand it over to Mrs. FitzP.
She's sure not to notice the differ-
ence, and then all we have to do is
to bung in our bill. It's as simple
as falling off a log!"

I considered his suggestion. Yes,
it seemed workable.

"Waffles," I said, "we will adopt
your plan and act immediately. By
the way, I have decided to increase
your pay this month by \$25..."

Waffles brightened.

"Which, mean, I continued,
that this month you will receive
\$25 less than last month?"

His face visibly wilted.

"I d-d-don't quite follow," he
stammered.

"To use one of your pet similes," I
replied, "it's as easy as falling off a
log. Let me explain."

"The morning, in view of your dis-
graceful exhibition of parlour tricks
up the Peak, I made up my mind to
cut your salary by \$50. Now, in-
fluenced by the fact that the me-
chanism in your cranium at last
shows signs of ticking over, I have
decided to give you an increase of
\$25. The net result will therefore be—
exactly \$25 less than last
month."

I left him to his mental calcula-
tions, and sent Ah Lum for a neck-
less of 72 synthetic pearls "as big as
pigeons' eggs."

When I arrived I set out for the
Peak—alone this time.

I rang the bell of no. 964.

"Master at home?"

"Yes."

I entered.

Archibald came forward. He look-
ed none too pleased.

"I have much pleasure," I said, "in
informing you that I have recovered
Mrs. FitzPillsbury's necklace. Per-
haps you will have a look at it, and,
if it's in order, it will no doubt be a
pleasure to you to write me out a
cheque for \$1,000."

"\$1,000 be—!" he replied. "What
shady game are you up to now? How
can you have found my wife's neck-
lace when she never lost it?"

"Never lost it!" I faltered. "What
do you mean?"

"Exactly what I say. My wife
found it in her jewel case this morn-
ing. She must have forgotten to put
it on before she went to the ball."

The horror of the situation slowly
dawned on me.

"And, if you're not out of the house
in two minutes," said Archibald, "I'll
telephones for the police."

When you have time, come along
and see my *enklanthus splendens*.
Just now it's in full bloom.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



China's Economic Development During War-Time

CHUNGKING, Feb. 26. LATEST EFFORTS of the National Government for economic and communication development are revealed by Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan, in a report.

In the economic field according to Dr. Kung, the National Government is following a policy of extensive exploitation of natural resources and increase of production. Several points of special significance are embodied in this policy:

First, regional economic planning and development is emphasized. As a preliminary step, the Government has chosen the Tzekang and Minkiang valleys in Szechwan as the industrial belt. In this belt are found coal, petroleum and natural gas. Up till now an alcohol distillery, a power plant and a chemical works have been established, while a paper mill and a sugar refinery are under planning.

Secondly, a harmonious co-ordination of state and private enterprises is sought. The Government, on the one hand, has taken over communication and mining enterprises of vital importance to national defence and heavy industries and, on the other hand, is modifying the Corporation Law, fostering the growth of private industries, and promoting co-operation between the state and private individuals, all with a view to encouraging private investments.

Thirdly, rural economic relief is provided through the promotion of rural co-operatives, agricultural experimental stations and the Farm Credit Bureau.

FARM CREDIT BUREAU

After the Sino-Japanese hostilities flared up, the Farm Credit Bureau diverted its attention from the Lower Yangtze valley to the Southwest. In 1938 the Bureau had established 76 rural credit co-operatives in the Southwest to which it has subscribed a capital of \$7,000,000. At the same time it had set up 49 granaries with a storage capacity for 100,000,000 piculs of farm products, invested \$8,700,000 on irrigation projects, which can irrigate 2,300,000 mu of farmland and purchased \$1,100,000 worth of raw cotton, cotton yarn, cotton cloth and foodstuffs to meet the needs in the rear.

In the field of communication development two major improvements are noted. In the first place, a Joint Land and Water Transportation Committee has been inaugurated to control wartime traffic.

In the second place, the Government had laid out a railway network for the Southwest. Aside from the Yunnan-Burma Railway, the Government is planning to build a line linking Kunming and Yipin (Suchow) near the Yunnan-Szechwan border. There will also be an extension from Weining within the Kweichow-Yunnan boundary and along the Kunming-Yipin line to Kweichow whence it will be connected with Linchow in the heart of Kwangsi. In that case, the four southwestern provinces of Yunnan, Szechwan, Kweichow and Kwangsi will be brought closely together.

Negotiations are also underway with a friendly nation for the construction of a railway in the Northwest. In air traffic the projected Sino-British airline is important. According to present arrangements, Chinese commercial planes may fly to Chungking while British passenger and mail liners may fly from Rangoon to Kunming. At Rangoon passengers and mail will be picked up by British flying boats to Europe.

GUERRILLAS MARCH ON SOOCHOW

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27. A STRONG detachment of Chinese guerrillas are rapidly marching on Soochow, scenic city known as Venice of China on the Nanking-Shanghai Railway, about 54 miles west of Shanghai.

The mobile fighters, according to a report from Shanghai, commenced their drive on Soochow during the Lunar New Year and have recaptured a village called Likow, less than 10 miles from the city. They succeeded in inflicting considerable losses on the Japanese and seizing a large quantity of arms and ammunition.

On February 21 and 22, the National flag was seen flying at Chimen, one of the north city gates of Soochow.

The same flag was also sighted at the different bridges along the Soochow-Shanghai Highway. All these bridges have been damaged by the guerrillas in order to impede Japanese communication. — Central News.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

armourer, stradevarius, armordillo, straight waistcoat, polittesso, arithmetic

English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 9.

Downing Street Skirmish

PARIS, Feb. 26. "WE WILL NOT permit anyone to touch our Empire built with the blood and labour of Frenchmen. We will maintain our sovereignty and territory intact."

These words were spoken by M. Georges Bonnet in a speech at Gourdon to-day, when he explained that recognition of the Franco Government was necessary because France wanted neighbourly relations with Spain. She wished to re-establish commercial relations with her, and did not wish to have a new frontier to defend.

M. Bonnet said that at the same time as Franco-German relations were improving, Anglo-French relations were becoming increasingly close, and the recent speeches of Viscount Halifax and Mr. Chamberlain showed the whole world the complete solidarity of Britain and France. — Reuter.

LONDON DEMONSTRATION

London, Feb. 26. The British decision to recognise General Franco, which is expected to be announced to-morrow, had a bolterous sequel at Whitehall this afternoon.

A demonstration of protest against the Government's action held in Trafalgar Square, was addressed by Mr. Clement Attlee, Mr. Herbert Morrison and Miss Ellen Wilkinson, and interrupted by protagonists of the Popular Front.

A resolution was passed viewing the Government's policy "with shame and abhorrence."

The crowd desired to march to Downing Street, but Mr. Attlee and Mr. Morrison and other leaders took the resolution to No. 10 Downing Street by taxi.

The Labour crowd followed on foot, shouting slogans.

Upon arrival they found the entrance to Downing Street guarded by mounted police.

There was nothing more serious than one small skirmish between the police and a group of demonstrators waving Spanish flags. — Reuter.

ITALY SEEKS SUPPORT FROM POLAND

Warsaw, Feb. 26. Count Ciano had a conversation with Colonel Beck this afternoon. Reports that Count Ciano pressed for a definition of the Polish attitude towards Italian claims against France lend special interest to Colonel Beck's speech last night, which is interpreted as a hint that Poland has no intention of giving tacit support to a policy which might injure the interests of her French ally.

Colonel Beck would doubtless like to obtain a clear statement of Signor Mussolini's attitude towards the extension of Germany's commercial and political influence in south-east Europe, since Poland was disappointed by the failure of the Italo-German arbitration to award Ruthenia to Hungary, which would have created a Polish-Hungarian frontier.

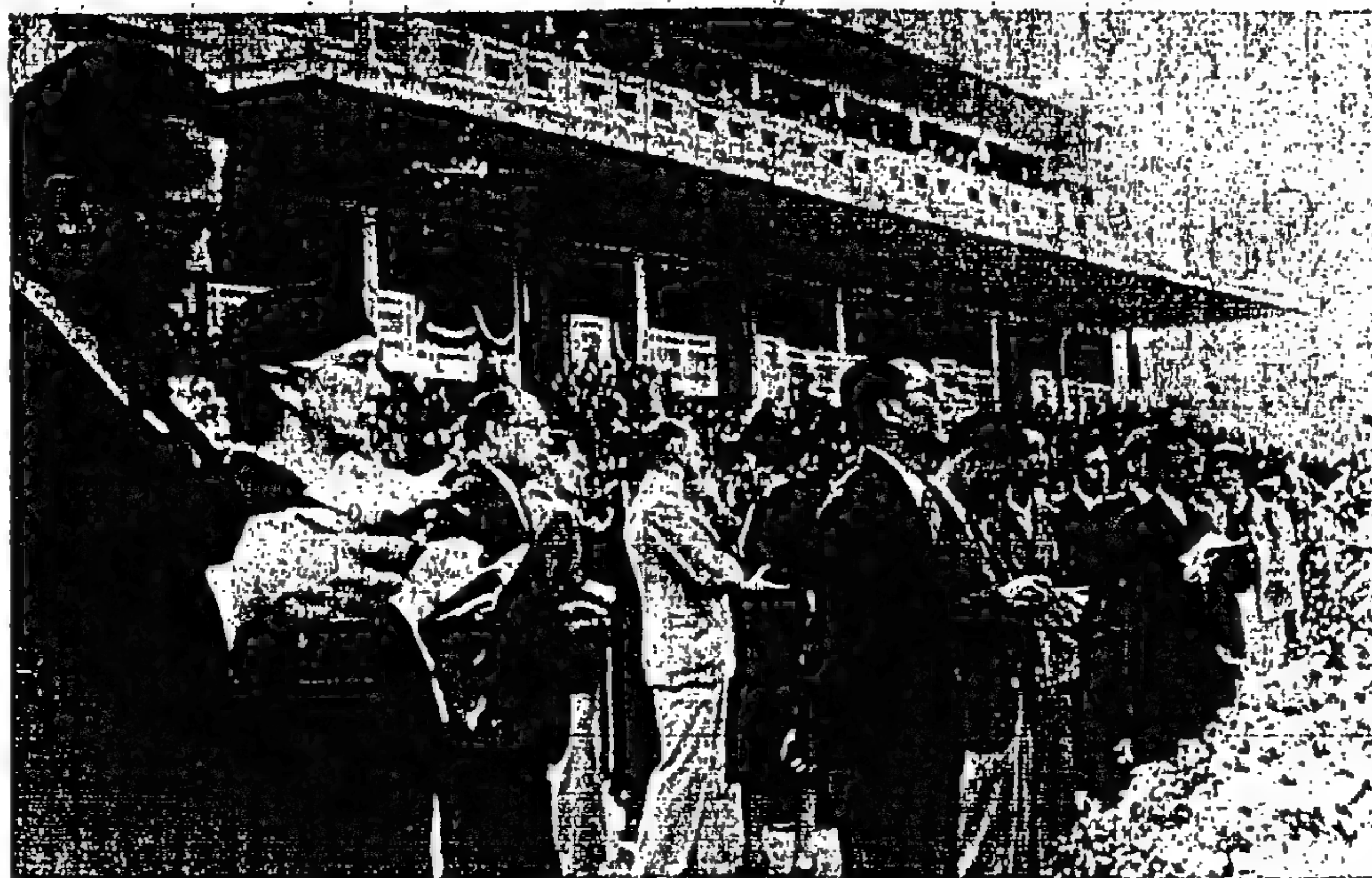
Polish circles regard the present frontier as a potential source of trouble, and the centre of anti-Polish Ukrainian propaganda. — Reuter.

K.C.C. XI To Play Volunteers

The following team will represent the K.C.C. against the Volunteers in a cricket match at 2 p.m. to-morrow, starting at 2 p.m. D. J. N. Anderson, E. C. Fincher, R. E. Lee, S. V. Gittens, R. T. Broadbridge, K. M. Baxter, N. A. E. Mackay, T. A. Madar, B. D. Lay, G. E. Taylor, and G. A. Goodban. Reserve: F. A. Broadbridge.

NORMA SHEARER IMPROVING

Hollywood, Feb. 26. Norma Shearer, who is ill, is reported to be much improved to-day. Her temperature was down to 100, and she had a better night. — Reuter.



A section of the large crowd at the races.

Gruesome Sight In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27. LOOKING ACROSS the boundary of the Settlement this morning, police saw three Chinese heads, believed to be of two men and one woman, suspended from telephone poles in the Japanese-occupied area in Western Shanghai.

The discovery followed Chinese reports that Guerillas had raided a village yesterday and executed 20 alleged traitors. — United Press.

NEW CREDITS FOR CHINA

Japanese Newspaper's Revelations

TOKYO, Feb. 27. ACCORDING TO the "Nichi Nichi," Chinese emissaries in Europe were concluding arrangements with France for an Anglo-French programme of financial assistance.

The newspaper reported that after negotiating secretly with the British authorities, the Chinese emissaries recently arrived in Paris and held numerous interviews with "pro-Chinese French officials," including M. Bonnet, and M. Campiche, as well as with French and Netherlands munitions dealers.

The newspaper said that in the negotiations with Britain, the Chinese emissaries gained the promise of a loan in return for ceding British Concession rights in Tibet, Sikkim and Szechwan.

According to the paper, Britain will permit new loans to the Kuomintang Government in continuation of the \$300,000 credit loan concluded last year.

China is using the funds in strengthening her currency for paying for arms bought in Europe for shipment to China.

Under this arrangement, says the report, the French authorities in China will permit French exploitation of all parts of south-western China bordering French Indo-China in co-operation with Britain and America.

In return for this privilege, France is expected to co-operate with Britain in maintaining China's legal tender, secondly, to ship arms and munitions to China which were previously scheduled for Loyalist Spain, and thirdly, to begin positive co-operation with those countries in supporting China for the extension of new credits to the Kuomintang. — United Press.

RIOTING IN MEXICO

43 Killed In La Palma Fighting

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 26. FORTY-THREE are reported to have been killed in a clash between Federal troops and a band of 100 well-armed marauders at La Palma in the Sinaloa State.

The death toll comprised three Federal officers, ten soldiers, and thirty marauders, the remaining bandits dispersing in the neighbouring mountains.

An unconfirmed report says that General Menchaca, chief of the Federal troops in charge of the operations, was also killed.

The movement is stated to be isolated, and was in no way organized. — Reuter.

Chungking Ridicules Peace Plan

"No Chinese Will Be Deceived"

CHUNGKING, Feb. 26. CHUNGKING'S reception of Major-General Kita's new peace plan is marked by sarcasm, ridicule and extreme contempt.

Officials, especially those specialising in Japanese affairs, are ready to comment on the plan regarding the Kuomintang and the Government at Nanking, and their criticisms follow:

Firstly, Japan's adaptation of Sun Yat-sen's "San Min Chiu I" means spiritual Japanese surrender to China. They said that even Baron Hiranuma and General Itagaki had publicly discussed the San Min Chiu I question in the Imperial Diet, indicating that the Japanese are considering re-interpretation and of making use of San Min Chiu I seriously and urgently. However, none of the Chinese would believe what the Japanese would manufacture from the doctrine.

Secondly, Kita, as head of the special service organ at Peiping is the first Japanese official openly planning a peace programme. It is stated that Tokyo, for a long time, has stooped for peace, first directing the "puppets" at Peiping to appeal.

Thirdly, Kuomintang officials believe that Wang Ching-wei, despite his inclination for peace, would not join the proposed Nanking-Kuomintang Government, because he was clever enough to understand that for peace which without result, the proposed regime in Nanking would be the most sinister among all the "Puppet" regimes.

Now that the Japanese themselves were "no longer potent" they were proposing peace.

"ABSOLUTE INSULT" Fourthly, the so-called invitation to Chiang Kai-shek to join the proposed Nanking regime was an "absolute insult to China and to the Chinese nation," and no decent Chinese in Chungking would consider acceptance in the light of such an insult.

Fifthly, unconfirmed reports stated that Major-General Kita, from the beginning of the war, was against the idea of exhausting Japanese preparations in China, and then did his utmost to prevent the Shanghai outbreak, although he failed. It is said that his wife is Chinese, and that he understands Chinese affairs well, and is himself a refined speaker of the Chinese language.

Observers claim that though it was a success to select this man to sue for peace, it was a fundamental Japanese mistake in arranging a new peace plan which lies ignorant of the fact that the Chinese people are not so easily deceived with a counter-termed Kuomintang and a re-interpreted San Min Chiu I.

Sixthly, Chinese experts on Japanese affairs had warned the nation for months that the Japanese were plotting to form a new Kuomintang so that Major-General Kita's peace plan was nothing new in the eyes of Chungking. They said that Baron Hiranuma's reinterpretation of the Sun Yat-sen principles—the unity of Japan, China and Manchukuo, and Japanese tutelage throughout China, instead of Sun Yat-sen's five-power constitutional Government and the People's livelihood—would mean Japanese exploitation of Chinese resources. — United Press.

Swiss Correspondent Expelled By Italy

Rome, Feb. 26. The Italian Government has ordered the expulsion from Italy of the Swiss journalist, Paul Gentizon, for 12 years Rome correspondent of the Paris "Le Temps," Robert Hodel, correspondent of the Zurich "Neuezeitung," who has lived in Italy for 29 years, and Luigi Pedrazzini, Rome correspondent of the Mittel Press Agency at Berne.

The three men were summoned to the police station this morning and informed they must leave the country by midnight on March 15. No official explanation for the expulsions is given. — United Press.

President Azana Leaves France

PARIS, Feb. 26. THE PRESIDENT of the Spanish Republic, Senor Manuel Azana, left Paris for his brother-in-law's home in Savile to-day accompanied by the Loyalist Spanish Ambassador to Paris, Senor Marcelino Pascua y Martinez, and the President of the Cortes, Senor Martinez Barrio.

It is not known whether President Azana, before leaving, signed his abdication. — Trans-Ocean.

HONGKONG BOMBING AFFAIR

Amicably Settled Says Report

TOKYO, Feb. 27. THE BOMBING AFFAIR involving the British territory near Shumchun, was understood to have been amicably settled as the result of the official British communication handed on Saturday afternoon by Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, to the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Renzo Sawada, in which the British Government expressed satisfaction at the Japanese reply to the British protest.

Following the informal communication on Saturday morning, the British Ambassador called on Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sawada, at the Foreign Office on the afternoon and handed a written note to the Japanese Government.

Foreign Minister Arita, it is recalled, on Thursday expressed in writing, profound regret to the British Government, through Ambassador Craigie, for the bombing by mistake, of the British territory in Kowloon on February 21 by Japanese military aircraft, and proposed compensation for the losses caused by the incident, and also to take all other possible steps for an amicable settlement.

It is understood that negotiations for the payment of indemnities and other technical affairs will be conducted by the authorities of the two countries "on the spot." — Domet.

Why Kuling Foreigners Are Staying

Loyalty To Duty

Hankow, Feb. 26. Loyalty to duty and to the Chinese dependent on them is responsible for the continued presence in Kuling of some of the little band of Americans still at the mountain resort, according to the former fellow residents, who recently arrived here.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Libby refused to consider abandoning their tubercular home which they conduct. Miss Rachel Nostrom prefers risking her life to abandoning the group of Chinese girl students she took there from Nanking before the latter city fell.

Miss Nancy Fry, the only foreign nurse in Kuling, is prepared to nurse Chinese civilians who may be wounded by the threatened air raids.

Among other Americans in Kuling are some too old or infirm to undertake the arduous journey to Kluksiang. Mr. Henry Baker, a resident at Kuling for over 30 years is 70.

The Rev. Wesley Lawton and the Rev. Hugh White and their wives are all over 70 years of age.

The Americans are using the American school as a concentration point where they intend to gather during the threatened raids.

It is a four-story building of reinforced concrete, which could only be damaged by a direct hit. — United Press.



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Cowardly Attack On Taxi-Driver Soldiers Fined

A cowardly attack by two soldiers on a taxi-driver had a sequel in Central Court this morning when Gunner John Buller and Gunner James Baxter, both 21 years of age were fined \$10 each for assaulting Leung Wah. In addition, Buller was ordered to pay \$5 compensation.

The assault on the driver took place after three men had alighted from the taxi at the entrance to Mt. Davis forts and refused to pay their fare, amounting to \$2.20.

Buller, in evidence, said: "I was very drunk at the time and don't remember what happened."

Baxter, said: "I didn't strike the man. I ejected him from military property as part of my duty."

An officer told the Court that the gate man had orders not to allow any person into the forts unless he held a military pass or was accompanied by military personnel.

"In this case, I think Baxter exceeded his duty. The taxi-driver was entitled to his fare and if the soldier had any doubts he could have telephoned and ascertained his duty."

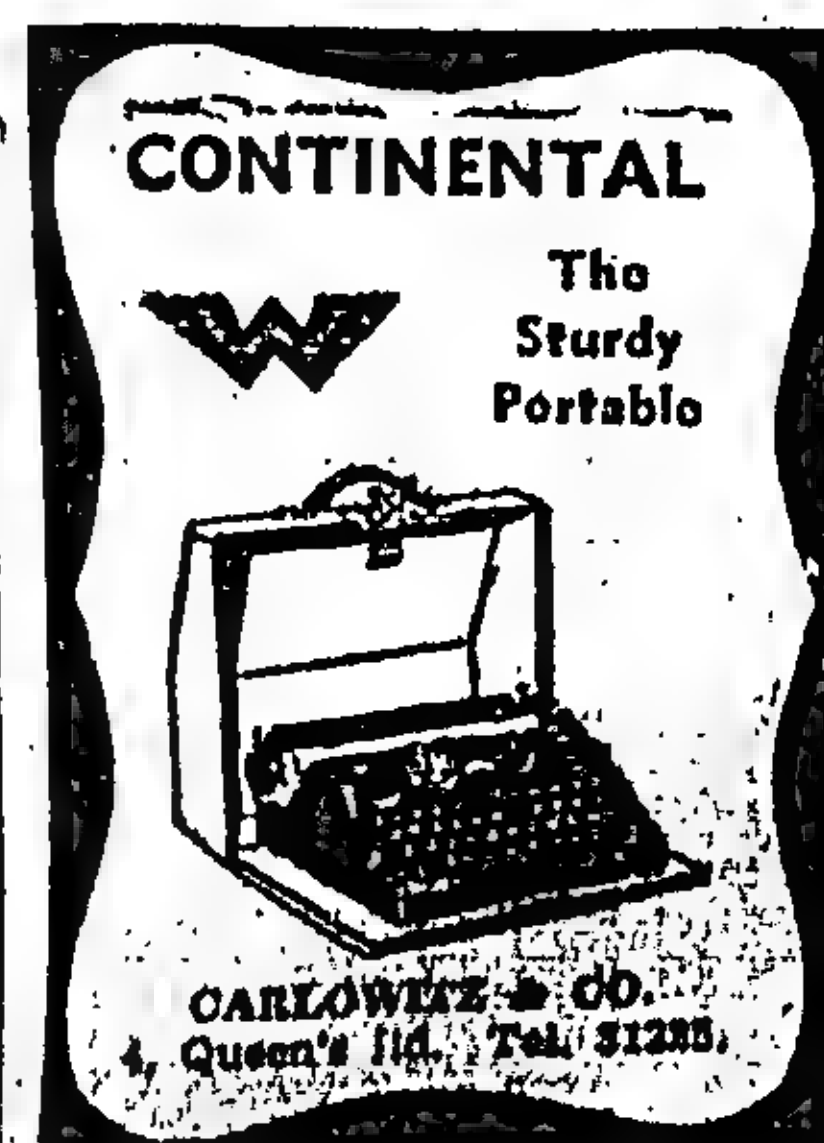
The taxi-driver, who denied that any of his passengers were drunk, revealed that he has lost two days' pay as a result of the assault. He had to make up the difference between \$1, which one man subsequently tendered, and \$2.20.

Appeal To Insurgent Government

Marseilles, Feb. 26. M. Flaridin, speaking at a banquet of the Alliance Democratique to-day said:

"Let us hope that in the field of foreign policy, recognition of the Spanish Insurgent Government will end the Spanish civil war, and mark the beginning of an era of European appeasement of which the commercial negotiations between London and Berlin are the first manifestation."

"Let us also hope that the Government, which again has found it has a new and faithful majority, will go forward on the road of action." — United Press.



NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



LADIES HOLD INTERPORT HOCKEY TRIAL

Many Players on View In Preparation For The Visit to Shanghai

(By "The Pilgrim")

The first Ladies' Hockey Interport trial was held at King's Park yesterday morning. Two games of 40 minutes each were played, giving many players a chance to be seen in action.

There was one casualty during the trial. Miss H. Becker spraining an ankle in the first game, necessitating her leaving the field. Mrs. Ackroyd filled the vacancy at centre forward.

Colours, who had most of the play in the first game, scored through Miss D. McCaw in the second half. A nice movement by Miss J. Ewing on the right wing resulted in the goal being scored. This was the only goal scored and both teams were very evenly-matched.

Of the respective goal-keepers, Mrs. Lunson, Colours, was more reliable than Miss J. Hall, of St. Andrews, and the Colours' backs, Miss G. White and Miss M. Itza, were superior to Miss Moss and Mrs. Wilmon. There was little to choose between the pivots, Miss J. Wong (Colours) and Miss J. Woolley (Whites). The latter, in my estimation, was slightly better with her positional play.

Mrs. I. Stone, the Colours' right-half, was the best wing-half on view, with Miss D. Watson the Whites' left-half, running a close second. Miss H. Reid and Miss J. Booker were not at their best.

The Whites' attack was more impressive. Miss M. Shand, at inside forward, and Miss D. Watson, at centre forward, formed a good combination with Miss D. Hunt on the left wing doing some very useful work.

The M. Booker-J. Ewing partnership also shaped well on the right flank.

Of the Colours' attack, both wingers, Miss G. White, on the right, and Miss M. Itza, on the left, were the best forwards, though Mrs. Dalziel at inside left, worked hard.

SECOND GAME

In the second game, which was won by the Colours 1-0, several fresh players were introduced into both teams, and a few positional changes made. Miss D. Moss in goal for the Colours gave a better display than Mrs. Reid and the Colours' backs, Miss G. White and Mrs. Wilmon outshone Miss P. Everest and Miss R. Smith.

Miss J. Woolley was seen at right half for the Colours and Mrs. Williams at left-half; both gave a good account of themselves. Miss Harker, at inside right, showed good form and may go close to the final selection. Miss D. Hunt and Miss M. Westcott, the respective left wingers, changed places, the latter combining well with Miss M. Shand for the Whites.

Miss Graves, at left half for the Whites, was also in the picture with her great spilling work, receiving able support from Miss A. Smith at centre-half.

This game, however, was not as interesting as the first, as several names were submitted by the various clubs and players had to be given a trial to prove their worth.

Several well-known players were not seen in action and their chances for the Interport cannot be ignored. I shall make further comments on Thursday.

Mrs. Webb informs me that there will be another trial next Sunday morning.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Recreio Defeat Panthers By One Run Margin

Scores of yesterday's games are as follows:

Men's League
English Forum 6, Machine Gunners 5.
Filipinos 12, Central British 3.
Women's League
Recreio 10, Panthers 18.
Inter-Hong League
Green Spots 21, R.A.F. 11.
Society 27, China Underwriters 5.
Hongkong Shanghai Bank 25, National City Bank 6.
Friday
Club de Recreio 12, U.S.B. Min-dano 0.

H.K. Ladies Surprise Saints XI

(By "The Pilgrim")

Though having only ten players, the Hongkong Ladies gave St. Andrew's a shock in the Caer Clark Cup on Saturday when they defeated the home team at King's Park by 3-2.

The Saints started off at a fast pace and it looked at one time as if the Hongkong Ladies were in for a rough time. Miss J. Wong gave the Saints the lead in a brilliant solo effort after 15 minutes, but though they were on the defensive most of the time, the Hongkong Ladies found the net on two occasions to take the lead.

The first goal followed a movement started by Mrs. Dalziel who, at the half-way line, sent the ball out to the left wing. Miss Purvis caught the ball on the run and with great speed cut in to equalise with a grand shot. Almost immediately Miss M. Smalley, after a good run on the right wing, put herself in an excellent position. Mrs. Dalziel was unmarked and before Miss J. Hall could get out, the centre forward had the ball in the net.

Thereafter the home side attacked up the middle but poor shooting by their forwards saw Hongkong Ladies still in the lead at half-time.

SECOND HALF

After the interval, the Saints' attack got going and by means of some good passing and speedy following up, equalised through Miss F. Wong. All through this half, the Saints were mostly pressing, though Mrs. Dalziel and Miss Purvis, for the visitors, were always a source of danger.

In the last five minutes, however, Mrs. Dalziel, in a breakaway, just managed to tip the ball over the goal-line to put the Hongkong Ladies again in the lead—after Miss Hall had missed a clearance. The end was near and though St. Andrew's pressed hard, the staunch defensive work of Miss Pope, Mrs. M. Bell and Miss E. Grey prevented their scoring.

Mrs. Lunson was in excellent form in the visitors' goal and her play, particularly in the second half, was a distinct feature of the game.

Miss G. White, Miss J. Wong and Miss H. Reid did well in the Saints' defence, and though their re-arranged forward line displayed more dash, their understanding and finishing left much to be desired.



Frances Farmer scores again in Farmanon's thrilling drama, "The Crooked Mile," which is being shown simultaneously at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres. Also in the cast are Akim Tamiroff and Lell Erikson.



A scene of the French revolution, from "Marie Antoinette," starring Norma Shearer and Tyrone Power. The picture, which marks the return to the screen of Norma Shearer, who is reported to be gravely ill at the moment, is now being shown at the King's Theatre. The two stars are shown in the inset.

BANKERS HOLD CLUB Form Guide TO A DRAW IN ANNUAL ENCOUNTER

(By "Fly-Half")

On Saturday afternoon on the Navy ground at Causeway Bay, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank held the Club to a draw of a goal each. Play was fairly even throughout with the Bank throwing away possible scoring chances through bad passing.

Unexpectedly the Club halves, Henderson and Hutchison, did not have things their own way. The Bank back row forwards were quick in going round on Henderson when over Club holed. Hutchison was much subdued and yet he obtained what has been for him a try per match for February. Although he did not make yesterday's try, he obtained it by good backing up.

The Bankers held a slight superiority in the tussle between the packs, especially in the set scrums where Dunnett hooked well for them. Watson, who played in the back row three seasons ago for Club, was a lively wing forward on Saturday. Harman, who was playing his first game in the Colony, was well up with the ball on every occasion.

The Club three line had very little method in its play, probably due to the fact that it was composed of three wing forwards and a forward. Powell was the most forceful player with Stewart inclined to charge through rather than use his speed to get him round his opposite number. Up to the time he received an ankle injury, Bosanquet was the best wing three on the field.

The Bank backs possessed more guile although they were inclined to wander. Day confirmed the impression he made three weeks ago in a Wednesday fixture. He is quick off the mark and possesses a good side-step and average. Carruthers and he were two enterprising inside forwards on Saturday. The former, however, has still an inclination to lose his head once he breaks through and throws out wild passes. He has a long stride which makes it particularly difficult to bring him down.

Taverner and Butcher were content to feed their three—a wise move on the day's play.

A notable absence from the Bank's team was R. C. Oliphant, who left the Colony a week ago for New York, to which city he has been transferred.

TO-DAY'S GAME

This afternoon at 4.45 p.m., the Club "A" will meet a team drawn from the Hongkong Police. It is understood that B. C. Fay, who did so well for Police at cricket last Saturday, will make his debut in the Police rugby team to-day at stand-off half.

The following will represent Club "A":
Fox; Cole, Nelson, Carruthers, Watts; Day, Henderson; Salter, Burford, Bompas, Stark, Stewart, Harman, Taylor and Redman.

SEVEN-A-SIDE

To-morrow afternoon at 2.30 p.m. on their ground at Sookunpoo, the

BRITISH PLAYERS BEATEN

Capetown, Feb. 25.
In the third and last Lawn Tennis test match which is being played here, Britain, so far, has been beaten in all matches. The results to-day were:
N. G. Farquharson (S. Africa) beat R. A. Shuyes (Britain) 6-3, 6-4.
Miss Olive Craze (S. Africa) beat Miss Rosemary Thomas (Britain) 6-3, 7-5.
Kirby and Mrs. C. J. Robbins (S. Africa) beat Shuyes and Miss Jean Saunders (Britain) 6-2, 6-4.
Farquharson and Miss Craze beat D. Butler and Miss Valerie Scott (Britain) 6-0, 6-1, 7-5.
The match will be resumed on Monday.—Reuter.

TOURNAMENT POSTPONED

The tennis tournament which was to have been held by the Civil Service Cricket Club at their courts at Happy Valley yesterday was postponed owing to the weather, and will be held next Sunday, March 5, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Entrance fee for the tournament will be \$1.

HVEGER'S RECORD

Copenhagen, Feb. 25.
Ranghild Hveger, the famous Danish girl swimmer, succeeded on Friday evening in improving on her own world record for the 500 metres free style, from 6 mins. 39.1 secs. to 6 mins. 34.3 secs.—Trans-Ocean.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The final of the Junior Golf Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was played off at Fanling yesterday when H. N. Williamson beat J. C. L. Pearce at the fourth hole.

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7).
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MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (badges \$2.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21920).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No animals will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders only on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

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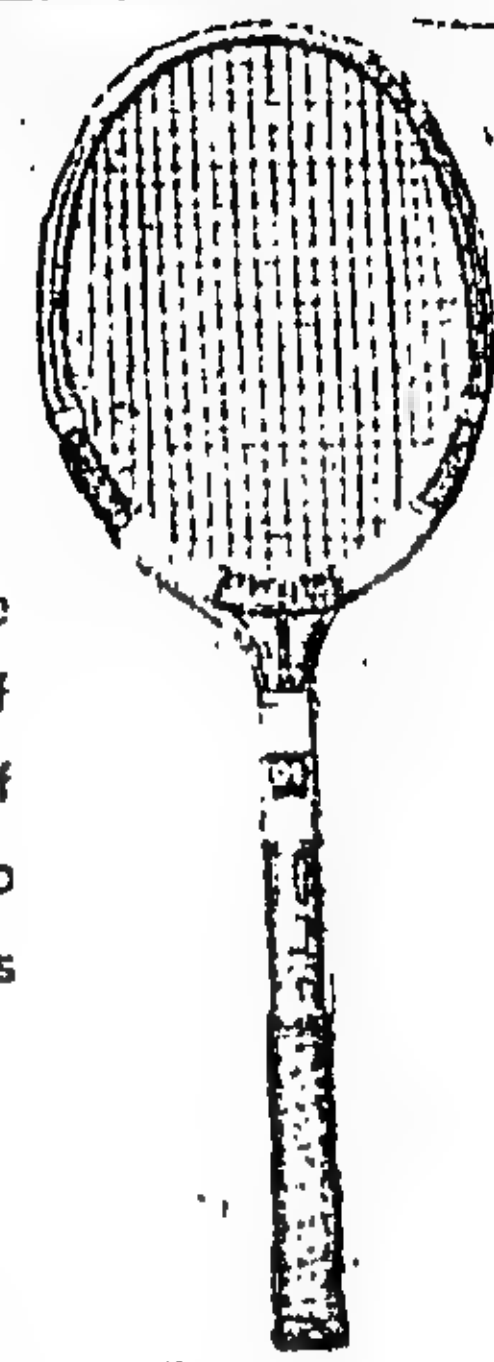
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FROCKS FOR THE OFFICE



YOU will need to wear your top coats for some time yet, so the best thing to do is to have a new warm frock. It will make a pleasant change in your wardrobe.

The styles here are selected for those who spend their days in offices, so if you want to be one of the three smart girls shown in the sketch, here are a few tips as to colours and materials.

Rust, copper and tan are excellent shades to choose. They blend attractively with black, navy, green or brown coats, and give you a fashionable combination.

If you do not want an all-wool frock, then I suggest a wool and art silk marocain.

Spring Fashions

Yoked styles and short sleeves are going to be featured in spring fashions. Note that the latter are squared and without an excessive puff. They are perhaps a little cool for present day wear, so above are shown two of the styles with long sleeves.

No. 1233 shows a youthful style with a simply cut skirt for the small woman. This would look attractive in kingfisher blue with clear brown collar and cuffs, or if you prefer a pastel touch then choose dawn pink.

Next comes a useful belted style, No. 1234, with a narrow yoke that will suit the shortish woman, for these, lengthening lines are height-making.

A scarf gives a bright flip to colour and buttons should match.

Slimming Stripes

Maybe you have to watch that hip-line, so choose a fabric with a faint chalk stripe. It's slimming! Stripes are neatly worked crossways and down in No. 1235, and buttons trim the front.

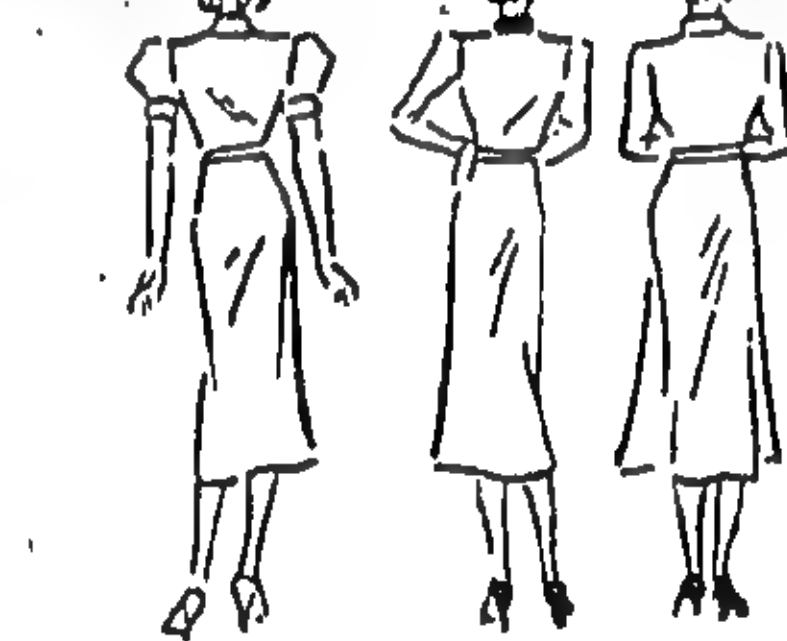
A small shoulder yoke gives the right fashion note to your dress.

FASHION NOTES

Velvet chenille is often used for evening gowns. There is also a pale turquoise lame made from thread which lends itself to almost any style of stitch, and there is a copper evening model which is in metal thread. Generally speaking, the favourite trimmings are flowers which the dress-makers are placing everywhere. For the evening we see them at the belt, the waist, at the back, on the shoulders, in garlands as sashes, or in necklaces, on gloves, and in the hair.

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Yoked frock in kingfisher blue, with youthful skirt. Dainty collar and cuffs of dawn pink organza.

Ever popular scarf neckline featured on a trim coat-frock, style with bright buttons and standing pockets.

Chalk stripes are slimming. They go two ways on this becoming frock for the fuller figure.

How Young Do You Feel?

WHEN you hear your masculine acquaintances discussing the ageing legs of some boxer or footballer, has it ever occurred to you that the old sporting adage about an athlete being no younger than his legs applies with equal force to every woman—whether she indulges in any kind of sport or not?

If only more women realised this fact and took the trouble to act upon it, there would be fewer prematurely ageing wives in the world, and more happy marriages, too. For legs and feet play so important a role in everyone's life that, neglected, they are often the real source of much of the unhappiness and misunderstanding to be found in so many homes to-day.

Take a typical young modern couple. The wife has probably given up an office job, or come straight from a home in which her domestic duties have been of the lightest character. Being young and naturally anxious to look her best, she has always taken care of her feet and legs, and has worn the best shoes she could afford.

Encroaching Carelessness

On marriage, this girl finds herself with a little home of her own. She has now no competition to face, and how her feet and ankles look in the privacy of her home does not seem to her to matter. Her job no longer depends upon her appearance, and now that she is actually married she drifts into being much less particular about always looking her best.

In little things, when working about the house, she tends to let her appearance "slide," and one of the first details which she will almost certainly neglect will be her feet. Yet in doing this housework she is probably upon her feet more than she realises, and is placing additional strain on her legs.

Not only does she use her feet and legs more than she did before her marriage, but, in the natural course of things, she sooner or later begins to put on weight, probably an average of from ten to twenty pounds. That increase is additional weight

which her feet and legs must carry about.

Most disastrous of all is the all-too-common "economy" regarding house shoes. Many women cannot see why in the privacy of their own homes they should not wear old shoes no longer presentable enough for the street or evening wear.

Such "cheap" footwear, while it may give the wearer a false sense of comfort, is bound to cause incalculable harm. For shoes which have lost their shape offer no support to the feet, and when they have become overrun at the heels they throw considerable strain upon the muscles of both feet and legs.

Mental Strain

But the damage does not end there. It is an established physiological fact that tension in muscles or strain upon any part of the body produces nerve strain and irritability.

Though the housewife may smarten herself up for her husband when her day's work is done, and puts on a good pair of shoes in which to greet him, she forgets that she cannot refresh up her brain that she has suffered all day on account of the muscular strain on her feet and legs. No amount of time spent before her mirror will avail to perk up her frayed nerves.

In spite of herself, she is irritable; the most trivial misunderstanding is magnified into a heated argument. She nags her puzzled husband, probably without realising that she is doing it, and he, being himself tired after his day's work, is in no mood to make allowances.

It is therefore well worth while to go to the very little trouble which is all that is necessary to keep your feet and legs as young as they really are. A few simple but regular exercises, and the paying of at least as much attention to the shoes a woman wears about her home as to those she wears when dining out will prevent domestic discord.

For the axiom that an athlete is only as good as his feet and legs also goes for the housewife, the typist, and every woman.

C. C.

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MOST grape-fruit recipes sound very complicated, and involve a good deal of work, but here is a very simple one well worth trying:—

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Cure's CANDLELIGHT 122 lb. (P. L. Tao) 1
Chau Bros. TRIUMPHANT DAY 153 lb. (V. V. Needa) 2
Dynasty's KING'S HERALD 121 lb. (V. V. Needa) 3
Won by many lengths; three lengths.
Time—1:50.1.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$94.70. Places \$19.00; \$8.50; \$13.10.
Mrs. Eu Tong-sen's Chiffon, which was fancied for this event, proved tricky at the barrier, and played up to such an extent that it got away to a good start, but was soon displaced by Sydney Lad. The bay colt, which had been the favorite, and was displaced by the Shanghai entry in the straight, Candlelight cantering home an easy winner. The time was six seconds outside the record.

LUSITANO CUP (3RD RACE)

Winner Cup and \$1,000; Second \$400; Third \$250. For China Ponies, bona fide Grifflins of this Meeting, About Half Mile.
L. To Chun's CONQUERING TIME 153 lb. (P. L. Tao) 1
Eve's EVE OF HEAVEN 161 lb. (P. L. Tao) 2
V. M. Grayburn's AVON 161 lb. (P. L. Tao) 3
Won by two lengths; the same.
Time—1:00.2.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$9.30. Places \$5.30; \$2.80; \$4.10.
Conquering Time overtook Eve of Heaven as the ponies came into the straight and flattered past the winning post by taking a strong lead, followed by King's Warden and Bear Claw in that order. Although Needa urged his mount on a wonderful rally in the straight, King's Warden was able to do no more than reduce Desert Chief's lead. The latter romping home three lengths ahead. The time was only one-fifth of a second outside the course record for the mile, set by Diana Day.

VICTORIA STAKES (4TH RACE)

Winner \$1,000; Second \$300; Third \$200. For China Ponies, One Mile.
Eu Tong-sen's DESERT CHIEF 161 lb. (P. L. Tao) 1
Dynasty's KING'S WARDEN 161 lb. (P. L. Tao) 2
Mrs. Dunbar's BEAR CLAW 151 lb. (D. Black) 3
Three starters.
Won by three lengths; two lengths.
Time—1:55.1.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$5.40. Places \$3.30; \$1.80; \$2.60.
Nine entries, including only three ponies to face the barrier. Mr. Eu Tong-sen's entry went out a firm favorite and quickly justified his backers by taking a strong lead, followed by King's Warden and Bear Claw in that order. Although Needa urged his mount on a wonderful rally in the straight, King's Warden was able to do no more than reduce Desert Chief's lead. The latter romping home three lengths ahead. The time was only one-fifth of a second outside the course record for the mile, set by Diana Day.

GARRISON CUP (5TH RACE)

Winner, Cup and \$750; Second \$300; Third \$200. For China Ponies, Subscription Grifflins of any season, One Mile.
Eu Tong-sen's ROSE EVELYN 163 lb. (P. L. Tao) 1
Why's HISTRE 160 lb. (C. Encarnacion) 2
Wong Sul-nau's SALVAGE MASTER 151 lb. (P. L. Tao) 3
Won by 4 lengths; 2 lengths.
Time—2:01.4.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$7.50. Places \$3.50; \$2.00; \$2.80.

EXCHANGE PLATE (6TH RACE)

Winner \$1,000; Second \$400; Third \$250. For China Ponies, Subscription Grifflins of this Meeting, About One Mile 171 Yards.
S.L.K.'s CELTIC STAR 153 lb. (P. L. Tao) 1
Henry's MUSKETIER 152 lb. (S. C. Liang) 2
Hollandia's ORANGE BOYEN 151 lb. (C. Encarnacion) 3
25 starters.
Won by short head; two lengths.
Time—1:55.1.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$47. Places \$9.20; \$5.30; \$7.30.
This time took the lead as the twenty-five starters passed the grandstand on the first time round, with the favorite, Musketier, proceeding closely. Musketier took the lead as the ponies passed the judge's box and retained it around the course until the field entered the straight on the home run. About thirty yards from the finishing post Celtic Star came up with a terrific rush and the chestnut and bay ponies raced neck and neck past the judge's box, their jockeys' whips playing vigorously in an effort to gain an extra ounce of power. Celtic Star forging ahead right on the post.

MELBOURNE CUP (7TH RACE)

Winner \$1,000; Second \$300; Third \$200. For Australian Ponies of any season, One and a Quarter Miles.
Lucky's LUCKY LAD 154 lb. (P. L. Tao) 1
Mrs. J. H. Taggart's LANCASHIRE CHIFF 154 lb. (D. Black) 2
Fainthair's AILE AMAZON 154 lb. (S. W. Pan) 3
Eight starters.
Won by a neck; three lengths.
Time—2:14.3.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$10.20. Places \$5.50; \$3.00; \$4.40.

MIRROR SCARES AWAY BANDIT

A REFLECTION in a mirror is believed to have scared away the assailant of a sixty-four-old trader attacked in his lock-up shop in Railway-approach, Twickenham, Middlesex, recently.

The attacker ran from the shop, leaving the shopkeeper, Mr. Edward P. Lloyd, dazed on the floor. Nothing was touched.

At the moment of the attack, Mr. P. J. Williams, a florist whose shop is next door, had walked out to water his flowers. He later found that his reflection in a mirror in the doorway of Mr. Lloyd's shop could have been seen by any one standing inside.

The police believe that this reflection scared the attacker, causing him to run away.

Mr. Lloyd said that the man came into his shop three times and asked questions.

The third time, as he spoke, he pulled a heavy instrument from his back pocket and hit the shopkeeper on the head.

Those who saw the man loitering about the street before the attack, including Mr. Williams' girl assistant, agree that he was handsome, aged twenty-two to twenty-seven, about six foot tall, with dark, well-greased hair, and dark suit.

Silver Lion On King's Car

On the radiator cap of the King and Queen's new car, being taken to Canada with them, is a silver lion mascot on their cars since 1926.

Why? The answer lies in an incident when, as Duke and Duchess of York, they were big game hunting near Nairobi in 1925.

After a blank day in the jungle the Duke and Duchess were resting alone before returning to camp when, without warning, a lion sprang towards them from the dense undergrowth only a few yards away.

A light gun with only two shots left in it lay on the ground beside the Duke. He snatched it up and brought the animal down with a bullet through its head at the first shot.

Hitler To Ban Tobacco

BERLIN. Hitler, non-smoker, vegetarian, and teetotaler, is expected to make a drive shortly against stimulants and tobacco, which would save the Reich vast sums in foreign currency.

While the Fuehrer will not attack the Germans' beloved beer, it is expected that he will call on his followers to boycott coffee, tea, cocoa and tobacco.

HISTORIC HOTEL RAZED

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. The old Pacific House, which in its day provided lodging for such personages as Gen. U. S. Grant and Eugene Field, is being razed. An 1800 costume ball, featured by a simulated holdup by Jesse James and his gang of outlaws, was held the night before wreckers started razing the structure.

Woman Wanted To Slap P.C.s

Market Harborough. Mrs. W. J. Southam, smartly dressed widow of a rich Northamptonshire auctioneer, was turned out of Market Harborough police court recently after she had threatened to slap two policemen's faces.

Mrs. Southam, who was sitting in a front seat, jumped up after a minor case had been heard and tried to address the Bench. A police superintendent spoke to her, but she refused to sit down and the magistrates ordered her to be ejected.

For the next hour her shouts could be heard from outside, and once she attempted to re-enter the court. Finally, she was told that if she wanted to make an application she could do so in writing, and a note was taken from her to the Bench. The magistrates considered it but made no comment.

Mrs. Southam said later that she had been threatened with a rate summons and wanted advice from the Bench.

Burma-Yunnan Road

LONDON. THE possibility of the Government giving any assistance towards the improvement of the Burma-Yunnan Road was referred to in a question in the House of Commons recently.

Captain P. Macdonald asked the Under-Secretary of State for Burma whether the Government of Burma was giving any assistance to improvement of the existing road to the Chinese frontier whence it is continued to Yunnan; and, if not, whether, in view of the development of this trade route to the Far East, it can bring this thoroughfare up to modern standards? Lieut.-Colonel Mulheath: The Government of Burma have already brought the road from Lashio to the Chinese frontier—a distance of about 120 miles—up to an all-weather standard, and further work is in progress upon its improvement.

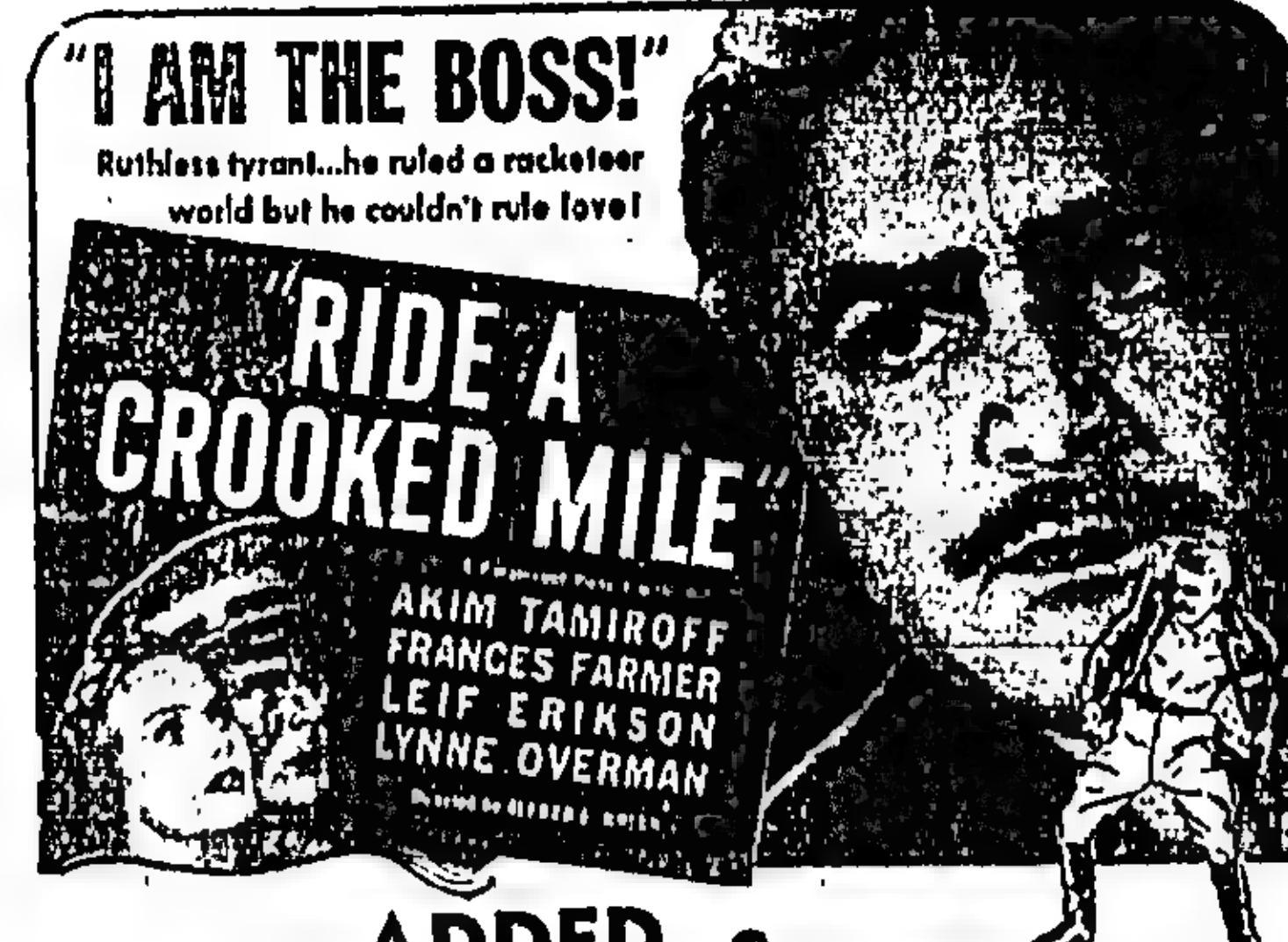
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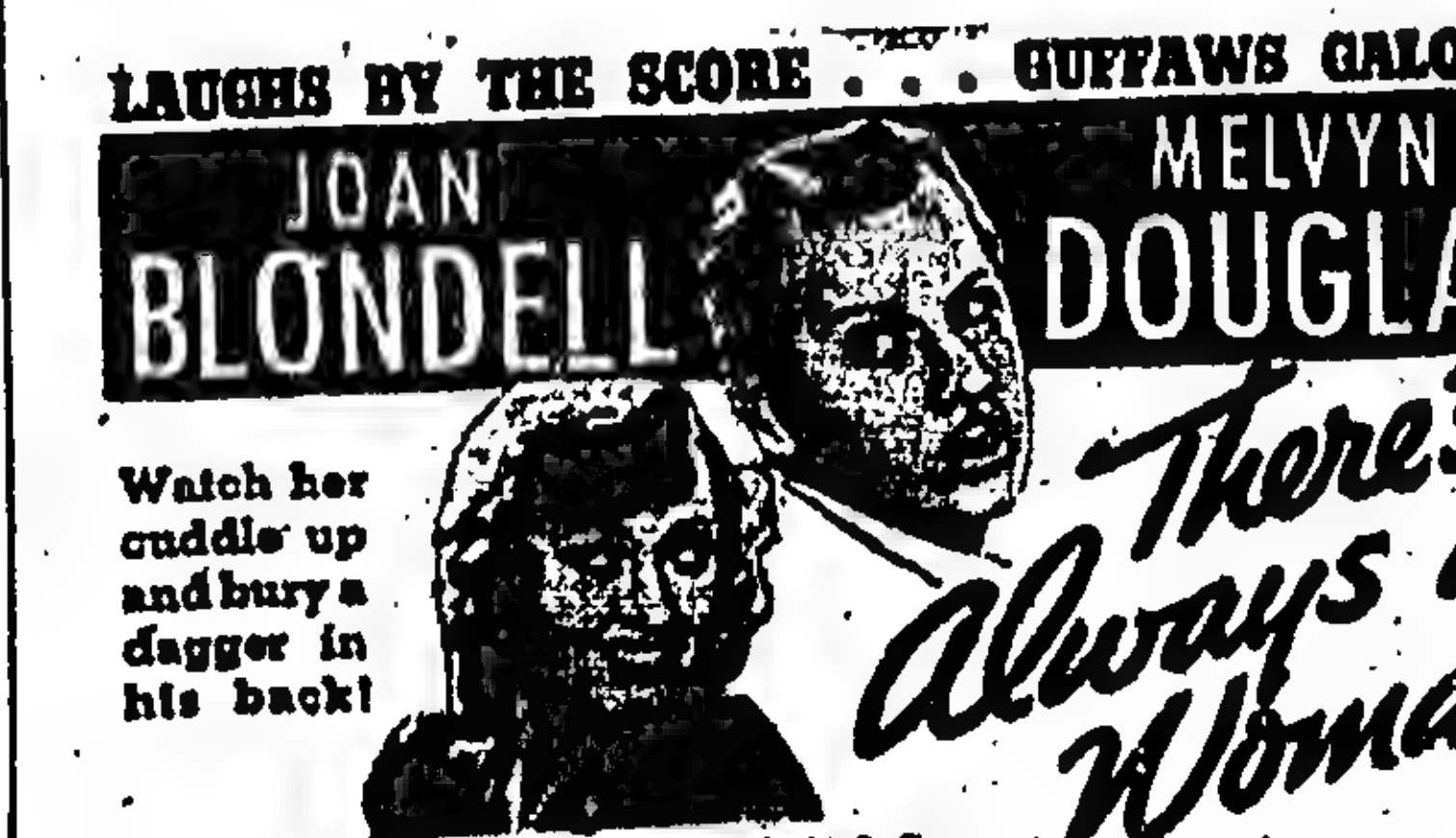
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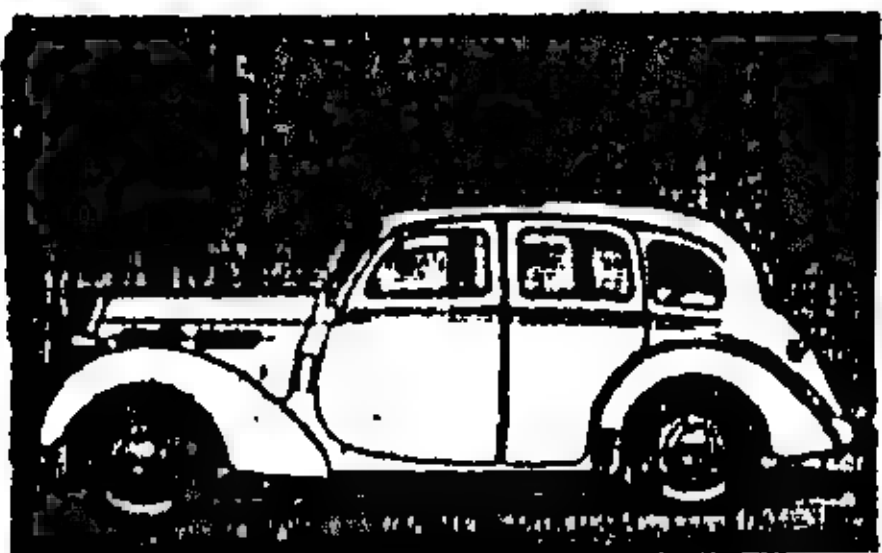
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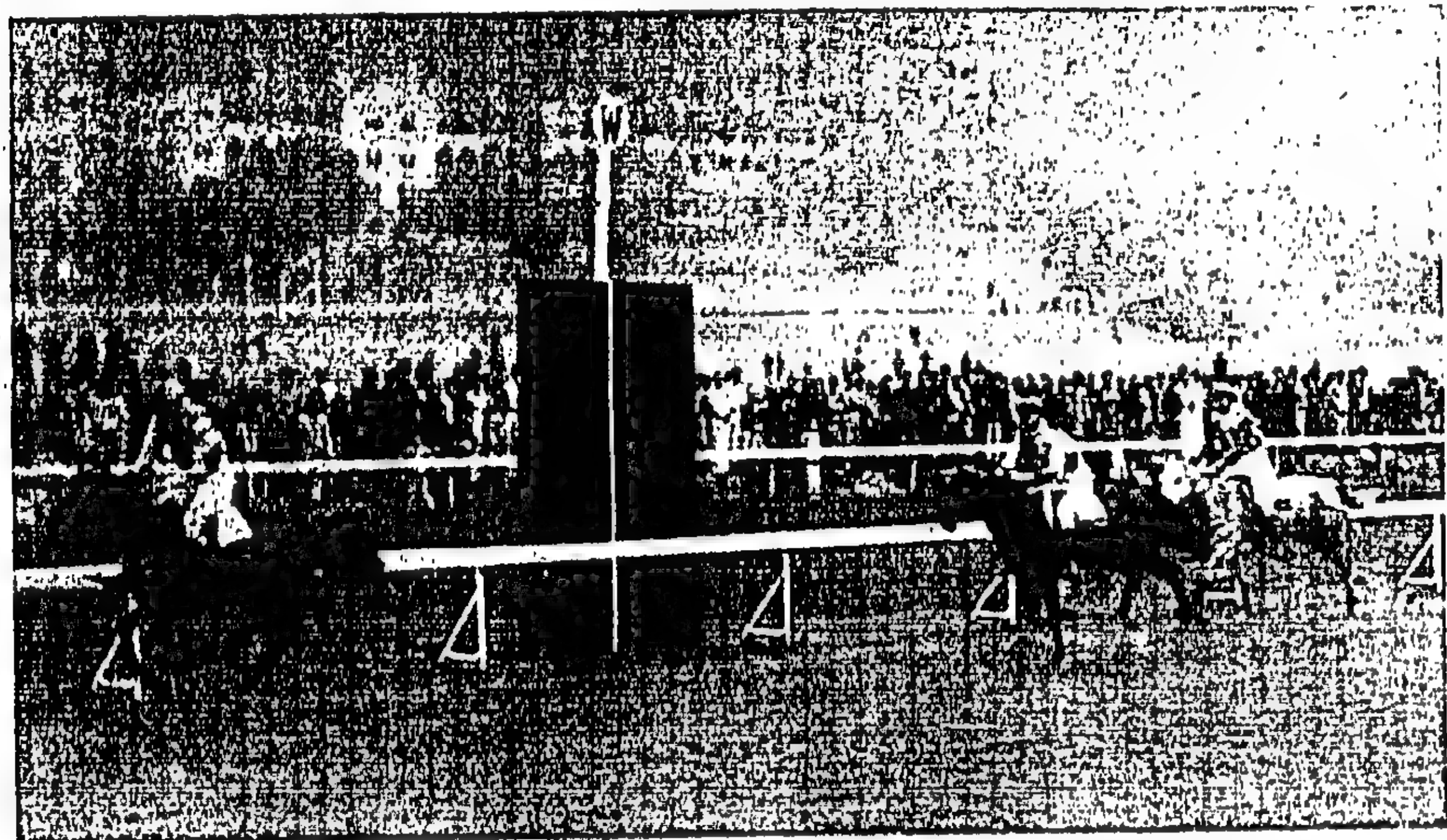
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ROSE ELECT'S GREAT VICTORY IN DERBY: SETS NEW RECORD



Marksman cantering home an easy winner at the Valley Races to-day. Marksman won the Mongolian Stakes from Guinness Time, with Magog third. There were 25 starters.—Staff Photographer.

Led The Field The Whole Distance

WITH A BURST of speed that clipped one and a fifth seconds off Liberty Bay's old record for the mile and a half, Rose Elect this afternoon won the Hongkong Derby.

The diminutive chestnut pony, carrying 161 lbs. was never in any danger of being overhauled from the time it jumped ahead at the barrier.

With C. Encarnacao up, Rose Elect cantered home many lengths ahead of the rest of the field, the final placing being:

- 1.—ROSE ELECT.
- 2.—NAVYLIGHT.
- 3.—EVE OF HARVEST.

There were only five starters, the field being:

Eu Tong-sen's BLUE EXPRESS 161 lbs. (W. G. Poy).
Eve's EVE OF HARVEST 158 lbs. (P. Marshall).
Marble's LILLIBER 161 lbs. (D. Black).
Cire's NAVYLIGHT 161 lbs. (H. C. Pih).
Eu Tong-sen's ROSE ELECT 161 lbs. (C. Encarnacao).

Twenty-seven entries scratched. Drawers of these ponies in the Derby Sweepstakes, however, participate in the consolation prizes of nearly \$3,000 for each pony.

Lilliber drew best position at the barrier, with Rose Elect on the outside.

START DELAYED

Navylight, which started one of the hottest favourites of the day, drew number two position, next to Lilliber.

There was considerable delay in starting the race, and the ponies did not get away until 4.10 p.m.

Rose Elect immediately jumped to the front and, with a burst of speed that was astonishing, was almost fifteen lengths ahead of the other four ponies after the first three furlongs had been passed.

Coming into the straight first time round, Mr. Eu Tong-sen's pony still maintained its remarkable lead, the remainder of the field, fifteen lengths away, being led by Navylight. Eve of Harvest followed, next Blue Express, with Lilliber slightly in the rear.

NAVYLIGHT'S EFFORT

As the ponies passed the grand stand Navylight made a gallant effort to reduce the margin between it and the leader, which was still galloping at a remarkable pace and showed no signs of tiring.

Pih, on Navylight, succeeding in reducing Encarnacao's lead by about three lengths, but as the ponies passed the football club the effort ceased and Rose Elect maintained its position without further challenge.

When the course was half completed Rose Elect was still twelve lengths ahead, with Eve of Harvest, Blue Express and Lilliber straggling behind in that order.

ENTERING THE STRAIGHT

As they neared the straight Navylight made another effort to reduce the distance to the leader, and succeeded in clipping off two lengths, drawing away from the rest of the field.

As the ponies entered the straight, Eve of Harvest made a bid and, amidst terrific excitement from the spectators, succeeded in drawing level with Navylight.

Navylight and Eve of Harvest raced neck and neck down the straight after Rose Elect, the jockeys' whips playing vigorously on all three ponies.

Blue Express, which also made a challenge, fell out of the struggle. Navylight gradually drew away from Eve of Harvest as the ponies flashed

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PALESTINE PLAN: JEW DELEGATION WON'T AGREE

LONDON, Feb. 26. THE EXECUTIVE of the Jewish Agency has decided to reject the British plan for the paci- fication of Palestine.

The proposals which the British Government will submit to the Palestine conference tomorrow are understood to have been considered at a prolonged meeting of the Arab delegates last night.

The main feature of the proposals, it is understood, will be the suggestion of a round table conference to be held in the autumn on the lines of the round table conference which preceded the new constitutions in India and Egypt, and invitations to the conference will be issued by the King on behalf of the Government, not only to political representatives of Palestine and Britain, but also to constitutional experts.

It is suggested that the British representation also include members of the opposition parties, in order to place the future Palestine policy above party politics.

It is believed that British Government has expressed the desire to see self-government established in Palestine, although it has clearly indicated that it does not favour immediate establishment.

Subjects for discussion at the conference would doubtless include not only those on which agreement has been found impossible during the present talks, but also on the question of a treaty with Britain providing safeguards for British interests in Palestine, and for the various communities.

It is understood that it is proposed to extend the advisory and executive councils to include unofficial members, both Jew and Arab, nominated by the High Commissioner. Unofficial members of the executive council, whose title may be altered to the Council of Ministers, may be Ministers without portfolio.

PREMATURE REJOICING

Jerusalem, Feb. 26.
As a result of rumours that the British Government had accepted the Arab demand at the Palestine conference, and that an independent

LATEST SHAI THREAT

London, Feb. 27.
The threat of possible Japanese action in the International Settlement in Shanghai is given much prominence in morning newspapers. The stories are splashed under such headings as "Japan warns Shanghai Settlement" "Japan's Threat to British Area."

So far, however, there has been no editorial comment.

The Diplomat Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" reports that there is no fresh official information on the position.

On the other hand the situation in Tientsin is being watched in London with rather more than anxiety.—Reuter.

Azana To Resign

Paris, Feb. 27.
President Azana will probably announce resignation as soon as formal Anglo-French recognition of Insurgent Spain is made this afternoon.

His resignation will probably be accompanied by a declaration that, in his opinion, the Loyalists should give up their struggle.

Del Vayo is credited with the intention of leaving Paris for Madrid, where he will share the fate of his colleagues in the Negrin Government, whatever that may be.—Reuter.

CRICKET (Tea Score)

Volunteers 51 out all against Hongkong Cricket Club on the Club ground. K. M. Barker 22. A. Baker 5 for 15 in 11 overs. Four maidens.

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Further Late News

Obituary

NOTED JAPANESE STATESMAN DIES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.
THE DEATH has occurred of Mr. Hiroshi Saito, former Japanese Ambassador to the United States, at the age of 52.—Reuter.

Mr. Saito was Japanese Ambassador to Washington from 1934 until last year.

BORDER BOMBING

Anglo-Japanese Officials To Visit Scene

ACCORDING TO a "Domei" message from Tokyo, negotiations are to commence in Hongkong shortly for the payment of indemnities and other technical affairs in connection with the bombing outrage last Monday.

Representatives of the Japanese Government will negotiate with officers of the Hongkong Government, and will visit the scene of the incident.

"Domei" reports that an official British communication handed to the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. Sawada, by the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, accepts the settlement offered by the Japanese Government.

Following the informal communication, which was made on Saturday morning, the British Ambassador called on the Vice Minister and handed a written Note to the Japanese Government.

DAVENTRY REFERENCE

Considerable reference to the border bombing incident was made during the 9.30 p.m. Weekly News letter broadcast by the Empire Short-wave station at Daventry last night. At the conclusion of the relay, the announcer at ZBW stated:

"To those of our listeners who heard the relay of the Weekly News Letter from Daventry, we would ask them to remember that the word 'Kowloon' does not convey the same meaning to listeners in England as it does to us here."

The announcement was made on instructions from the Postmaster-General, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, who said this morning:

"To residents at Home, the word 'Kowloon' denotes the whole of the Kowloon Peninsula up to the border. Residents in and near Hongkong listening to the Weekly News Letter from Daventry last night might have thought it was a continuation of the daily news and might have gathered the impression that a very recent bombing had taken place in Kowloon itself. Therefore, I decided to broadcast the statement to correct all local misapprehension."

NOTHING TO ADD

Approached by the "Telegraph" this morning the Colonial Secretary stated that he had nothing to add to the "Domei" statement.

Evacuation Order

Chungking, Feb. 26.
The Government had ordered civilians to evacuate Chungking, Chengtu and Kwelyang.—United Press.

Australia Repeals Health Legislation

TO PAY FOR WAR!

SYDNEY, Feb. 26.
ACCORDING TO the "Sydney Morning Herald," the Federal Cabinet has decided to repeal the National Insurance Act owing to the high cost of Australia's defence programme.

The Act came into force last summer and provided for medical benefits under a contributory scheme which it was estimated, would cost the Government nearly £2,000,000 in the first four years.—Reuter.

THE DERBY SWEEP

A total of 564,000 tickets were sold in the mammoth sweepstakes on the Hongkong Derby, the sale of tickets, scheduled to close at 2.30 p.m., being extended ten minutes in order to cope with the last-minute rush of buyers.

The following numbers were drawn:

404324 \$240,038.40
358553 65,532.40
359068 24,291.20

The following numbers were drawn for starters and non-starters:

52,521 339,686
354,761 80,341
440,091 170,765
544,863 364,184
249,157 377,431
479,357 281,939
320,979 211,506
255,205 434,202
403,825 513,451
113,883 107,255
262,037 40,602
316,452 404,324
37,075 523,764
582,300 67,586
373,349 446,782
378,553 349,307

Each number, with the exception of those drawing first, second and third prizes, wins \$2,950.10.

The following numbers were drawn in the other Cash Sweeps.

RACE 1
No. 1682 \$312.70
No. 1490 232.20
No. 2676 110.60

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1030, 2072, 2942, 2169, 1407, 1169, 543, 1309, 1439, 2650, 37, 702, 2095, 108, 622, 1022, 2714, 627, 131, 1054, 2965, 136.

RACE 2
No. 3100 \$1,414.00
No. 1402 404.00
No. 785 226.00

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2623, 1819, 2634, 3062, 538, 1008, 1002, 579, 3033.

RACE 3
No. 1750 \$1,078.00
No. 504 479.00
No. 3490 226.00

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2477, 131, 1220, 2378, 142, 612.

RACE 4
No. 1846 \$2034.50
No. 3824 581.40
No. 2084 230.70

RACE 5
No. 771 \$2034.50
No. 4112 581.40
No. 1810 230.70

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3397, 332, 3031, 1207.

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Shanghai Tension

NANKING'S "SILENT" DECLARATION OF WAR

Japanese Circle Settlement With "Live" Barbed-Wire

TOKYO, Feb. 26.
"WE CANNOT but announce a silent declaration of war against the Shanghai International Settlement, and British and French vessels which are nothing but an extension of the Settlement in assisting the Chiang Kai-shek regime with the Yangtze as a base," declares a statement issued by the Japanese-sponsored Nanking Government, according to the "Domei News Agency."

JAPANESE TERRIFIC AIR LOSS

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27.

REVEALING THE TREMENDOUS

strain on the Japanese Air Force, a spokesman of the Chinese Air Force in an interview with the Central News disclosed that since the beginning of the war, the total number of Japanese planes shot down, destroyed, severely damaged, or otherwise lost reached the high figure of 1,010 up to the end of last year.

This figure, he said, represents a monthly loss of more than 80 planes throughout the eighteen months since the start of hostilities in July, 1937.

With the opening of the current year, the Japanese Air Force has further suffered the loss of 24 planes, including fifteen heavy bombers of the latest type recently bought from Europe, bringing the grand total to more than 1,030 machines.

Nor was the above figure an exaggerated estimate, the spokesman pointed out. As a matter of fact, the number tallies with that announced by the Japanese Air Force headquarters on January 20 last themselves, which stated that 710 military and naval planes were lost and 300 more were damaged and rendered unfit for service during the period.

221 SHOT DOWN

Analysing this figure, the spokesman revealed that of the total of

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The statement announces that the Nanking Government has detailed troops and militiamen round the Settlement as a "precautionary measure against further outbreaks of terrorist demonstrations."

It adds: "We won't hesitate to brand British and French vessels and the International Settlement as an enemy if Britain and France don't recede a change in the attitude of assisting the Chiang Kai-shek regime."

Meanwhile, the Japanese authorities in Shanghai are apparently dissatisfied with what they describe as the lukewarm measures of the Municipal Council, and the Council's reply to the Japanese requests.—Reuter.

SETTLEMENT BESIEGED

Tientsin, Feb. 26.
Japanese troops during the past few days have been hurriedly erecting barricades and installing live electric wires round the British and French Concessions here.

Exits from the Concessions, through which communication is now allowed, could be closed at a moment's notice.—Reuter.

AMERICAN ATTITUDE FIRM IN SHANGHAI

Chungking, Feb. 27.
The American consulate authorities in Shanghai are maintaining a firm attitude in regard to the Japanese demands on the Shanghai Municipal Council, according to a Shanghai report quoting well-informed circles.

Details in this connection, however, cannot be ascertained.

It is learned that the American Consul-General, Mr. Clarence E. Gauss and other officials in the consulate have been working overtime day and night to maintain close contact with Washington, reminiscent of the conditions during the Sino-Japanese hostilities in 1932 and 1937.—Central News.

ONLY ONE KILT AT SCOTTISH SHOW

THE only kilt at the private view recently of the Scottish Art Exhibition, at the Royal Academy, was in a frame.

The laird had for the occasion changed into morning coat, lavender waistcoat, and a pair of spats, said "How d'you do?" and did the social round on the edge of the gilt frames as the English do once a year.

The only Glenfarg present was a salmon one with a bunch of ospreys in it.

There was a time—two hundred years ago—when the chieftain was so proud of his tartan he even wrapped his feet in it.

The full Highland dress, in a glass case, had tight-fitting trousers with tartan socks and spats all in one.

There is a picture, painted in 1665, of the first kilt, rather like a shrunken petticoat, and a pair of the original kilt. It is William St. Clair, of Roslin, captain of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, driving off on the links with a thistle at his heel.

He wore black velvet knee breeches, a red hunting coat, bows of ribbon above his calf, and his club looked like a long-handled hockey stick. His golf ball is numbered for identification purposes.

RUBY GARLANDS

There is the whole history of Scottish dress in the exhibition from the early days when kilts were garlanded with rubies round the waist and the blade of the dirk was sharp, to the decadent '80s when the tartan was a dressing-town and the chieftain wore a white cloth like an iceberg round his head.

Nearly all the portraits are of men—they seem to have possessed all the beauty and vanity of the period.

There is a piece of embroidery worked by Mary Queen of Scots that is no better than the rest but drew a blower crowd; an evening gown that Prince Charles once danced with; and a still-life of grouse and fruit.

Woman Wins Art Prize

Sydney. For the first time in history the Archibald Prize, recognised as the honour of Australian art, has been won by a woman. She is Miss Nora Heyson, daughter of Hans Heyson, one of Australia's greatest landscape painters.

The Archibald Prize is worth about £450. In winning it, Miss Heyson defeated some of Australia's leading portrait painters.

Her portrait, she submitted was of Madame Elinck Schuurman, wife of the Consul-General for the Netherlands.

Miss Heyson, who recently returned from London, was not formerly well-known as a portrait painter, but was regarded as an eminent exponent of still-life, especially flowers and fruit.

Mortgage Runs 138 Years

Dallas, Pa. Attorneys have discovered an unsettled, 138-year-old mortgage on 120 acres now occupied by the College of Mercersburg here which calls for an annual payment of 90 bushels of wheat. College officials are seeking to trace the heirs of the mortgagee to obtain clear title to the land.



St. Moritz, famed summer and winter resort of the Swiss Alps, brings many noted persons together from throughout the world. A recent visitor there was Dr. Milan Stoyadinovich, Premier of Yugo-Slavia, shown as he surveyed the winter activities.

WATER IN LONDON'S A.R.P. TRENCHES

THERE was 5ft. Gns. of muddy water in A.R.P. trenches on Primrose Hill, N.W., recently forty days after the Home Office circular to local authorities asking them to make trenches permanent by steel and concrete reconstruction.

Gracie's 'No' To 4 Shows A Day

Los Angeles, Calif. Gracie Fields, who left Hollywood for England recently, was asked by Twentieth Century Films to appear on the New York stage for one week.

And Gracie was willing—on conditions.

"They are asking me to do four shows daily," she said "but if New York audiences want to see what I can do, I must give 'em my whole bag of tricks and two shows a day will be enough."

Gracie added that Mr. Darryl Zanuck wanted her to stay in Hollywood, but she was determined to make her next two films in England. Then, if her contract was continued, she might agree to work in Hollywood.

"I'm afraid if I came here for good, Hollywood might make me half and half and use the wrong halves," she said. "Maybe later they'll get to know me better; in fact they're beginning to now."

"A few weeks back I felt it was useless to do splits and cartwheels for American applause. But now, if they'll let me do my job in my own way, I'll get 'em to like me as well as English folks do."

He Guarded Windsor Castle

Inspector Edmund Dear retired recently from his post as Metropolitan police chief at Windsor Castle. He was formerly personal detective to the Duke of Windsor and was one of the few who knew beforehand that the Duke was to abdicate.

Inspector Dear served twenty-six years in the force and was appointed to Windsor Castle in 1934.

Sucked Under By Tons Of Sand In A Mixer

WITH a doctor standing by, a gang of men worked desperately at Greenford, Middlesex, recently, to rescue a fellow-workman who was buried in 18 tons of sand in a mixer.

The drama was at the works of the Rockware Glass Syndicate, Ltd.

When, after an hour's work, the man was reached, he was dead. He was Richard Martindale, aged 32, of Wellington-road, Roxeth, Harrow.

He was in charge of mixing the materials for the night shift work.

"NOT A CHANCE"

In the factory vast quantities of very fine sand and other materials are poured into the mixers through a gigantic funnel, sometimes the narrow neck of the funnel checks the flow.

Usually when this occurs the man in charge frees it with a long pole; sometimes, however, if he thinks he can make it flow more easily he jumps on the sand in the mouth of the hopper. That is what Martindale did but a second before his feet touched the sand, the sand freed itself and started

to flow. As Martindale landed the sand sucked him down and he was buried in it.

CHECKING FLOW

Men rushed from all parts of the building and started to dig frantically. "It was only the smallest chance that cost Martindale his life," said one of his mates. "By an extraordinary coincidence the sand started to flow as Martindale jumped. It was as though he was going down in quicksand. He did not stand a chance."

Imports Wild Geese

Willows, Cal. Thirty wild geese, of half a dozen different varieties, which took refuge on the Spaulding wildfowl refuge after being wounded by hunters, have been shipped to Peter Scott, British ornithologist, who asked that 80 such birds be sent him if possible.

Modern Toys "Too Perfect"

Your children probably play with mechanically-perfect toys, realistic dolls, and teddy-bears. But are they as happy and carefree as you were with less elaborate things to amuse you?

Miss Ethel Strudwick, headmistress of St. Paul's Girls' School, who describes herself as "a thoroughly old-fashioned woman" thinks not.

Speaking at the Public Health Conference in London recently, she said:

"When I think of an old carpenter's bench in the corner of my father's studio on which was perched a doll's house consisting of a wooden box on end, I wonder whether this newfound passion for giving children baby dolls exactly like the real thing, or teddy-bears all glorious with plush, is really making them happier than did the old make-believe toys which left so much to the imagination."

THIS REALISTIC AGE

Miss L. H. Crocker, of the Pioneer Health Centre, Peckham, commenting to the News Chronicle on this statement admitted its truth, but added:

"Miss Strudwick's statement is no argument against a realistic doll. When she was a child she probably had some lovely toys herself, but she remembers only those most familiar to her and those she used for her own imaginative purposes."

"We live in an age of skill, so the child of this age must have technically perfect toys or be separated from the reality of his environment."

Miss Strudwick, asked to reply to this, observed:

"I had not lovely toys, and did not miss them. It is a great pity that the children of to-day do not live in a simpler age, for their own sakes, poor things!"

"I notice that children who are simply brought up to know the real pleasures of fresh air and the open country are much happier than those who live in nurseries crowded with elaborate mechanical toys."

Girl Dances Till 2 a.m. To Pass Exams.

Stanley, Co. Durham. Few people can hope to win an open scholarship at Oxford or Cambridge, but Joan Charlton, 18-years-old daughter of a Stanley colliery clerk, has just won two—one at each University.

And on the eve of both examinations she danced until two in the morning.

"Swotting before examinations is dangerous," she said. "When I was younger I used to get very nervous, but now I always go and dance the night before."

It was Joan's first attempt to win a scholarship.

"Rod" Turns Into Snake

Cookstown, Australia. Bitten on the foot by a snake, William Howard reached down for a stick with which to kill it, but the "stick" turned out to be another snake, which bit him on the arm. Prompt medical attention saved Howard.



If

I had done as I was told—I wouldn't have this nasty cold!

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RADIOLYMPIA THIS YEAR

There will be a Radiolympia, after all, this year. The £50,000 co-operative advertising campaign to replace it was turned down by a meeting of radio manufacturers yesterday.

Officials of the Radio Manufacturers' Association explained that the industry was committed to the hire of Olympia, so that unless the exhibition were held it would mean a financial loss.

Concrete Mixers Taxed

Cleveland, O. All owners of concrete mixers and tar spreaders here now must take out automobile licenses. It was announced by Chief Police Prosecutor Gerald Philpott. The licenses cost \$200 and \$300.

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MYSTERY OF BRITISH FILM STUDIOS

WHILE three new British films are packing cinemas up and down the country, British studio floors are only 10 per cent. active. Why is this?

Biggest success of the year seems to be "The Citadel," which was seen by 130,000 people at the Empire, Leicester-square, W., in one week.

'PYGMALION' RECORD

This paradoxical prospect is striking. The answer is simply one of finance.

"Sixty Glorious Years," generally released recently, is taking on the average 35 per cent. more than "Victoria the Great." It has been booked for four and five weeks by many halls.

"Pygmalion" has broken box-office records at Hastings, Brighton, Coventry, Chesterfield and Luton. The largest hall in Sydney, N.S.W., has booked it for a three months run.

Yet to-day only eight films are being made on the 80 British studio floors, as against the peak figure of 30 in 1936.

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CITY IS SHY

The "Era," official mouthpiece of cinema showmen, declares bluntly: "The City's confidence has been badly shaken. Nevertheless, it is adopting the attitude of a man who, having been caught by a share-pusher, refuses to deal with the Stock Exchange. Having bought gold bricks, it will not admit the existence of gold mines."

1939 will probably see a change in the backing of British films. Instead of financing productions costing £100,000 on the doubtful gamble of the United States market, pictures costing from £25,000 to £40,000 will be encouraged. At least 40 films of this grade are already planned by Mr. Michael Balcan at Ealing, Mr. Walter Mycroft at Elstree, and Mr. Edward Black at the Gaumont studios.

BABIES IN COLD STORAGE!

Sydney. Unusual measures were taken to save the lives of five babies who collapsed during a heat wave at Griffith, N.S.W.

On the advice of doctors they were placed in the Griffith Producers' cool stores, where a moderate temperature was specially maintained.

Their parents sat beside the babies during a week-end.

Woman's Record As Ground Engineer

THE honour of being the only woman in Queensland to hold the certificate of a ground engineer, belongs to Mrs. G. R. Bell, who recently arrived in Brisbane with her husband, who is Queensland Traffic Manager of Airlines of Australia.

When Squadron-Leader Bell was air-liaison officer with the R.A.A.F., in London 10 years ago, his wife, who has always been intensely interested in aeroplanes, trained for her certificate with the de Havilland Company in Stag Lane.

"It didn't seem to me particularly clever," said Mrs. Bell, when talking of her award. "My number was 444, which shows that 443 other people had obtained certificates before me." Born in Tasmania, Mrs. Bell has spent a lot of time abroad, and next to aeroplanes, riding is her chief hobby. She has one daughter, aged 13.

A GREAT HELP

"With her qualifications, Mrs. Bell should be of great help to the aviation section of the Women's Defence Legion, of which Mrs. E. F. Finlay is in charge, and in which Mrs. Bell has shown her interest by consenting to take charge of the transport section.

Although the section is yet in its infancy, plans are being formulated for training and drill, and Mrs. Bell hopes to provide her volunteers with facilities for driving heavy vehicles, convey driving, and driving as a body.

Women of any age from 17-50 are acceptable as volunteers, if they can drive a car, a motor boat, or a motor cycle, ride a horse or a bicycle, know anything about mechanics, or would accept positions as cleaners or orderlies.

Indian Bride Runs Away

New York. Recently, Arthur Ochiltree, Scottish-born New York opera star, should have been spending the first day of his honeymoon.

Instead, he is wondering where his sweetheart, an exotic Indian under-graduate, Bonnie Bee Berryhill, could be hiding.

While he was making final plans for the marriage, his fiancée fled from New York. A telegram to friends told Ochiltree:

EMPIRE NEWS

AUSTRALIA

FLOUR EXCISE TAX OPPOSED

SYDNEY.

A strong agitation has developed in Socialist circles against the Government's imposition of an Excise tax on flour to finance the subsidy to wheat growers. There is to be a local consumption price of 4s. 8d. a bushel.

Wheat used in Australia only amounts to about one-third of the total production, and the overseas price is now the equivalent only of 1s. 10d. a bushel. As was inevitable, bakers have had to pass on the flour tax to the bread consumer by increasing the price by 1s. a 2lb. loaf. Labour admits that the wheat-grower must be helped, but contends that this should be done out of general taxation revenue.

Physical Education Chief—Mr. Gordon Young, until recently Director of Physical Education at the Y.M.C.A. in London, has arrived to become the first Director of Physical Education to the New South Wales Government.

JAMAICA

CENSUS TO BE TAKEN NEXT YEAR

Kingston. The Legislative Council recently decided to take a census of the island next year at a cost of £25,000. In 1931 a request for a census was rejected by the Council on the ground of economy.

MAURITIUS

LAND SETTLEMENT FOR UNEMPLOYED

Port Louis. The Government recently began a new land settlement plan in the Midlands district to relieve unemployment in the sugar cane plantations in the northern and western parts of the island. The drought this year has caused heavy destruction of cane.

The unemployed began a march on the capital, asking for a dole or work, but were stopped by the police.

The co-operation between the new Labour Department and planters is bearing fruit. The Government is daily transporting men in special trains from the workless districts to the less affected areas where work is still available.

tree: "I can't go through with the marriage. I have run away." Mr. Ochiltree said: "She is an adorable, spoiled, brat and a headstrong kid, but I still love her."



High enthusiasm greeted French Premier Edouard Daladier as he arrived in Bizerta, Tunisia, to inspect France's March line of fortifications between French North Africa and Italian Libya. Here he is welcomed by Tunisian children.

For 80 Years He Lived In The Dark

COMBE HAY (near Bath, Somerset).

AFTER living in terror of daylight for eighty years, Mr. George Edward Smart, Lord of the Manor of Combe Hay, was carried by villagers to Combe Hay church just after dusk recently to lie in his coffin before the altar in the darkness he loved.

When he was nine years old, his eyes were injured while he was at play with a school friend. Ever since then daylight, or anything white, caused agony to his eyes.

Life was unbearable unless he turned day into night, night into day. He died at the age of eighty-nine.

One of the staff of the Manor House of Combe Hay told me to-night:—

"Mr. Smart slept all day with his room closely shuttered against the daylight. As soon as it was dark he would get up. He generally listened to the radio until midnight. "Then he would have his lunch and go out for a drive in his car before returning for his tea. Just before dawn he would go back to bed."

In the beautiful gardens of Combe Hay Manor, where there is a lake, Mr. Smart built an Italian garden and a grotto of shells which were sent from all over the world.

The lake, the grotto and the garden he saw only by moonlight. One of his greatest interests was agriculture, but he could visit agricultural shows only at night, long after they had closed for the day.

He used to go round the cattle pens and other exhibits with a torch.

His servants had to read to him anything printed on white paper. Though the villagers of Combe Hay hardly ever saw their lord of the manor, he was immensely popular with them for his generosity. Years ago, in his young days, he made the manor famous for its parties and social gatherings: always at night.

Suez Film Not To Be Banned

Paris. A Paris Court recently rejected two applications for a ban on the film "Suez" pending legal action. The film is based on a romance woven round the building of the Suez Canal. The application was made by M. Paul de Lesseps, a son of Ferdinand de Lesseps, the builder of the canal, and the Marquess de Casa Fuerte, a grandnephew of Empress Eugenie, who is represented in the film by Lucette Young.

Giving the court's decision, Judge Muller declared: "This film, which has no claim to literary, artistic or historic merits, contains blunders and improbable or ingenious incidents calculated to evoke mirth rather than indignation."

"It contains no message likely to sully the memory of Eugene de Montijo and Ferdinand de Lesseps in the mind of the audience. There is, therefore, no reason for preventing the exhibition of the film."

"Though foreign, the film very opportunely recalls that the creation of the Suez Canal was a French work."

"Private Room On Wheels For Basil And Betty"

CANBERRA.

A profound change in the relation of the sexes had been brought about by the intention of the automobile, said Professor G. V. Portus, of Adelaide University, to the history section of the Science Congress. Basil could now meet Betty in a private room on wheels, and nobody could say nay, he added.

Snob 'Insult' To Golf Club

NEW complaints of "snobbery" by members of Hastings Downs Golf Club towards artisan members were made at Hastings Town Council meeting recently.

The Council was again considering the proposal to grant £100 a year to the club. The proposal was carried by 24 votes to 11.

Councillor Riddle, who made charges of snobbery at the council's last meeting, quoted from the letter, which was written by an artisan member:

"The other day some of our chaps were playing when four so-called gentlemen cut in. Just as an artisan was taking his shot one of the gentlemen said: 'We are allowed to play through you.'"

"ONLY ARTISANS" The artisan said: 'We are sorry, but you have cut in, and so lose your right to the course.' The gentlemen refused, saying 'You are only artisan members; you are not of the same standing as us.'"

"As for the matches they (the full members) claim to have played with us, we have had one since the club has been formed. We don't approach them for a game because of Rule 10, which states that no artisan member is permitted to play with a member of the parent club except by invitation of the latter."

"On behalf of the artisans, whom I am sure are with me, I thank you at the club."

Professor Portus also said: "If you ask a boy to-day who kissed Hardy, he probably will answer Laurel." After strongly criticising the old method of teaching history, with its emphasis on the doings of royalty and on wars, he said things were better now.

The old form of history, about the private lives of royalty, he described as "snob history."

"When the former Kaiser, now cutting trees at Doorn, was saying 20 years ago that he was God's viceregent on earth, you heard speaking no modern king but an Elector of Hanover of 400 years ago," said Professor Portus.

He added that economics now dominated history to a considerable extent.

The head of the civic administration section of the Department of the Interior, Mr. C. S. Daley, said he regretted the absence of an historical background in Australia compared with other divisions of the world. With a knowledge of Australian history and its storied enterprise, and substituting Australia for England, Browning's question could be repeated: "Here and here did Australia help me? How can I help Australia?—any," and in purposeful action and the satisfactory answer.



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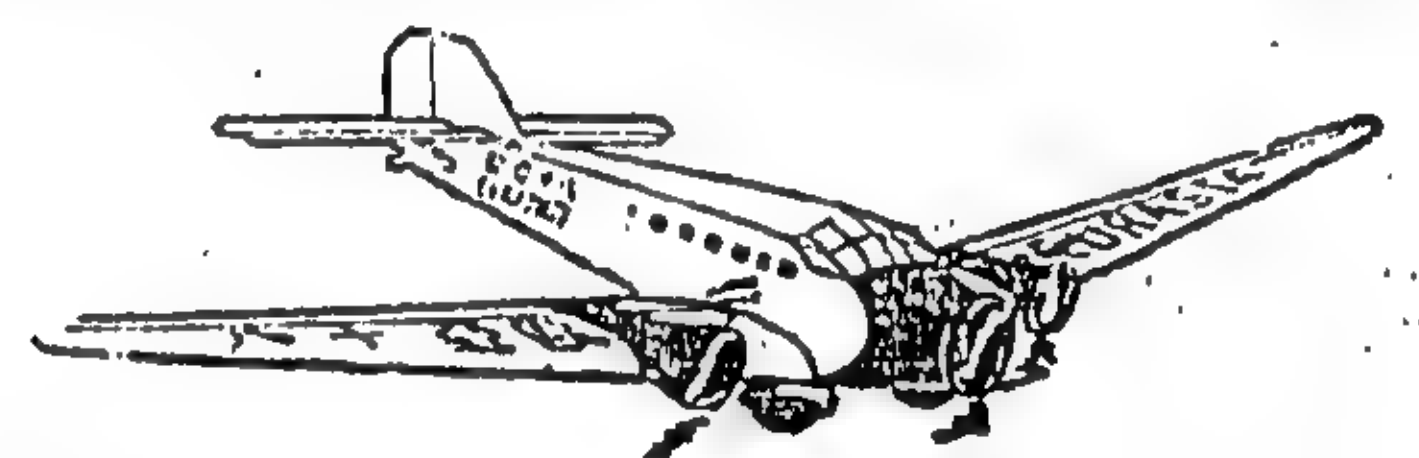
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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Banks, \$ (x.d.)	1,385 b
Chartered, \$ (x.d.)	1,075 n
Mercantile, \$ (x.d.)	274 n
Mercantile, C. E.	13 n
East Asia, \$	88 n
INSURANCES	
Canton, \$	217 1/2 b
Union, \$	480 n
China Underwriters, \$	50 n
H.K. Fire, \$	180 b
SHIPPING	
Douglas, \$	87 b
Steamboats, \$	15 n
Indo-China, \$	24 n
Indo-China, D.S.	24 n
Shell, \$	94 1/2 n
Waterboats, \$	9 n
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves, \$	118 n
Docks (old), \$	170 n
Docks (new), \$	104 n
Providents (old), \$	80 n
Providents (new), \$	620 n
New Eng. Sh., \$	6 n
Sh. Docks, \$	05 n
MINING	
Kailan, \$	17 1/2 n
Rauha, \$	820 b
Venz, Goldfield, \$	3 n
Hongkong Mines, \$	5 n
Antamok, \$	35 1/2 n
Atok, \$	37 n
Bangue Gold, \$	37 n
Benquet Cons., \$	1350 n
Coco Grove, \$	100 n
Con. Mines, \$	100 n
Demonstrations, \$	10 1/2 n
I.K.L. P., \$	14 1/2 n
Gumau, \$	178 n
San Maurice, \$	178 n
Suyao Consol, \$	178 n
Paracates, \$	178 n
LANDS	
Hotels, \$	075 n
Lands, \$	30 b
Lands 4% deb., \$	107 1/2 n
Shai Lands, \$	850 n
Hump, \$	850 n
H.K. Realties, \$ (x.d.)	515 b
Chinese Estates, \$	100 n
UTILITIES	
Trams, \$	16 1/2 n
Peak Trams (old), \$	8 n
Peak Trams (new), \$	4 n
Star, \$	08 1/2 n
Y. Ferries, \$	23 1/2 b
Y. Ferries, (new), \$	23 1/2 b
China Lights, (old), \$	840 b
China Light, (new), \$	51 1/2 n
H.K. Electric, \$	57 b
Macao Electric, \$	18 n
Sundank Lights, \$	985 b
Telephones (old), \$	22 1/2 n
Telephones (new), \$	734 n
Tractions, \$ (x.d.)	23 1/2 n
Tractions, (Prof.), \$	24 1/2 n
INDUSTRIAL	
Cald, Macg. (Ord.), \$	14 n
Cald, Macg. (Pre.), \$	13 n
Canton, \$	1 b
Cement, \$	15 1/2 n
H.K. Ropes, \$	4 n
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms, \$	24 b
Watsons, \$	175 b
Lane Crawford, \$	8 n
Sinclair, \$	154 n
Wing On (H.K.), \$	41 1/2 n
Powell, Ltd., \$	90 n
COTTON MILLS	
Evo Sh., \$	1770 n
Shai Cotton, \$	103 n
Zong Sing, \$	24 n
Wing On Textiles, \$	42 n
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments, \$	7 b
Constructions, \$	134 n
Vibro Piling, \$	060 n
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	67 1/2 n
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 3% p.m.	par. n
H.K. Loan 3 1/2%, par.	par. n
Marsmans (Lond.), \$	15 1/2 b
Marsmans (H.K.), \$	3/0 b

Closing quotations through Reuters:

	Feb. 27, 1939	Feb. 28, 1939
Antamok	35 1/2	34
Atok	37	36
Bangue Gold	37	36
Benquet Cons.	1350	1350
Dig Wedge	24 1/2	24 1/2
Coco Grove	100	100
Con. Mines	100	100
Demonstration	10 1/2	10 1/2
I. K. L. P.	14 1/2	14 1/2
Igo Gold	24	24
Igon Mining	24	24
Mambulo Cons.	147 1/2	147 1/2
Mambulo Cons.	147 1/2	147 1/2
Min Operations	15 1/2	14
North Camarines	14	14
Paracates	178	178
San Maurice	178	178
Suyao Cons.	178	178
Syndicate Invest.	347	347
United Paracates	178	178

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila Market was dull with the majority of prices unchanged. However, Atok showed a loss of 1 1/2 centavos while Mambulo Consolidated lost 1 centavo. Other changes were on the up side, ranging from 1/2 to 2 centavos. Saturday's volume of business done was 172,000 Pesos.

CITIZENSHIP SOUGHT

Fort Bragg, Cal. Mrs. Kalen Gerberg has taken out her naturalization papers at the age of 52. She was born in Finland in 1886 and had been in this country for 50 years. She wants to cast her ballot as an American citizen.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG FO,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 17th February, 1939.

Iran Crown Prince On Way To Bride

Baghdad, Feb. 26. The Crown Prince of Iran, Mansur Reza, now on his way to Cairo to sign the marriage contract for his alliance with the Egyptian Princess Fawzia, arrived here today. The Prince was met at the Iraqi frontier by Prince Abdul Ilah, and the deputy Prime Minister.

At the Baghdad railway station, the Prince was welcomed by Prince Zeid, representing the King, and was accompanied by members of the Iraqi Cabinet.

In the evening, King Ghazi gave a banquet in the royal palace in honour of the guest.

Signature of the marriage will be made on March 10, and the Crown Prince and Princess will go to Tehran where the festivities will be held from April 21 to April 24.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE PAINTINGS

St. John's Cathedral Hall Exhibition Opened

An exhibition of art by eight Chinese painters was opened at St. John's Cathedral Hall on Saturday. Works were shown by Leung Yik-yu, Woo Kim-um, Wong Ting-ping, Au Siu-yin, Cheung Sun-cho, Cheung Siu-sek, Che Hei and Chiu Shu-ngong.

Joint pictures by Mr. Wong and Mr. Leung, and Mr. Wong and Mr. Yoo were included in the two artists have combined in several attractive studies of birds and animals in natural settings.

Mr. Woo's individual pictures stood out by reason of his characteristic lofty perspectives and neat detail. Mr. Yoo showed special aptitude in his studies of fish, delicately seen through the water.

The most striking exhibits, however, were by Mr. Cheung Siu-sek, who had given his imagination rein in two allegorical subjects and had also produced some excellent full-length pictures of old-time Chinese country people.

The exhibition closes at 7 p.m. today.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.00 noon, February 25, says:

There was more interest shown in the market during the short session but shares were difficult to obtain.

	Feb. 25, 1939	Feb. 26, 1939
Canton Insurance	217 1/2	217 1/2
Union Insurance	480	480
China Underwriters	50	50
Douglases	87	87
Rauha	820	820
H. & S. Hotels	515	515
Electricity	57	57
H.K. Tramways	106 1/2	106 1/2
China Lights (Old)	840	840
H.K. Electric	57	57
Sundank Lights	985	985
Canton Ice	4	4
Dairy	24	24
Watsons	175	175
Wing On (H.K.)	41 1/2	41 1/2
Enterprises	90	90
Marsmans (H.K.)	3/0	3/0
Union Insurance	480	480
H. & S. Hotels	515	515
Yau-mai Ferries (New)	22 1/2	22 1/2
Telephones (Old)	22 1/2	22 1/2
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Y'S MEN'S CLUB

To Meet World Touring Ambassador

Members of the local Y's Men's Club will meet Mr. Paul Sterner, Past President of the Honolulu Y's Men's Club, at a special meeting in the China Building at 7.30 p.m. today.

Mr. Sterner is serving as Ambassador for the International Y's Men's Clubs and is visiting all the Clubs in the course of a world tour.

Dr. Li Shi-pui asks members to make their reservations with Dr. F. I. Tsung, Tel. No. 24100.

U.S. DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

Berlin, Feb. 26. Political circles welcome the appointment of Mr. Raymond Geist, first secretary of the American Embassy, to the post of Charge d'Affaires, replacing the late Mr. Prentiss Gilbert.

It is emphasized that Mr. Geist, who has been in Berlin for eight years, enjoys the best personal relations with German official circles, and it is assumed that he will work for a German-American agreement.—Reuter.

JAPANESE WOMEN WANT VOTE

Australian Teachers Told Of Struggle

The woman's point of view on "cabbages and kings" was well aired at a recent round-table chat in Tokyo when a party of educated Japanese women entertained five Australian teachers who were in Japan on the staffs of the Board of Tourist Industry.

The Australian teachers, who passed through Hongkong on Saturday on their way home by the Kamo Maru, heard with particular interest the story of the struggle which Japanese women are making for suffrage. In the vehemence of their claim the Japanese women exhibited much of the spirit of the British suffragettes.

They were consequently surprised to learn that the Australian woman regards the vote very much as a matter of course; in fact, as rather a bother than a blessing. They politely but firmly disbelieved in such upathy.

The teachers—Miss E. Hanger, H. M. Stay, E. M. Luke, I. C. Ryan, and A. M. Pittman—reported that they had been lavishly, almost exhaustingly, entertained and that their tour had been thoroughly delightful. "We seem to have been a success," Miss Pittman commented. "For they are talking of inviting 10 Australian teachers next year."

Highlights of Tour

In a tour that was a crowded series of experiences the highlights were, perhaps, both associated with the radio. One of these was the occasion of a gathering of 3,000 teachers in Tokyo at which Miss Stay, taking her first turn in the long round of speech-making, delivered an address that was broadcast throughout Japan.

The feature of this occasion was the performance of the ceremonial Dugaku, or musical play, played outside the Court for the special benefit of the Australian visitors. At the conclusion of the function a great cheer sang, very beautifully, the "Kimigayo," or Japanese National Anthem, and followed it with "God Save The King."

Misses Hanger and Ryan were the stars in the other radio event, when they broadcast on short wave to Australia. "We will bring back to Australia with us the memory of a most charming people and a beautiful country," said Miss Ryan. "We have been deeply impressed with the well-equipped schools, where the children's progress is so carefully watched. Everything is done to make them familiar with homecraft. We have found the greatest goodwill and friendship towards us at every turn."

Miss Hanger had the satisfaction of learning that every word was heard by her people in Gymkhana Queensland.

Cheered By Children

The teacher is supposed to be an ego to children, but the Japanese children gave the Australian visitors a friendly and often effusive welcome. Children waving flags met them at schools and at railway station. The flag was normally Australian and Japanese, but there were one amusing slip-up when the children turned out flourishing only American and Japanese flags. This, however, could be understood as there is a regular interchange of goodwill missions between Japan and America. One gathering of children—and on a Sunday afternoon, too—numbered 2,000.

With regard to the war the teachers found the people to be under the apparently honest impression that they were bringing peace to China. Only in one case did they hear another view; that was when a man said to them: "You see how crowded we are here. That is why we are invading China."

Russia

Trial Of Radio Operator

Moscow, Feb. 26. Five hundred Polar fliers, workers, and journalists sat in the crowded court room to hear the opening of the trial of Mikhail Vosmisenky, chief wireless operator at Tikhaya Bay in the Arctic regions, who is accused of malicious counter-revolutionary activity, including sabotage of the search for the famed Soviet Arctic aviator, Levanevsky, who, with a crew of five, perished while flying from Moscow to America in August, 1937.

It is alleged against Vosmisenky that he hampered the search by delaying messages and shutting off his wireless set.

The accused, giving evidence, pleaded in barely audible tones: "I wasn't able to stand the conditions—the long hours and the monotony—the longer and became physically ill."

He admitted that he was so tired that he shut off his wireless, did not transmit any important messages from Levanevsky during the flight, and sabotaged the rescue work by conveying incorrect weather information.

When the Moscow authorities grew suspicious and radioed notice of his dismissal, he suppressed the order. He continued his sabotage activities. The Public Prosecutor revealed that Vosmisenky's chief, Grigorov, in charge of the colony's 27 personnel, had also been arrested as "an enemy of the people" for having failed to supervise Vosmisenky's work and report his sabotage.—Reuter.

Oil Concerns' New Offer To Mexican Govt.

Washington, Feb. 26.

A new formula for the settlement of the dispute arising from Mexico's expropriation of foreign oil properties is expected to be submitted by representatives of the oil companies to the Mexican Government this week.

A telegram from Mexico City to the "New York Times" states that the companies will offer \$150,000,000 in cash, or credits for the right to operate the expropriated wells for 30 years.

Suitable guarantees regarding taxation and labour conditions will be embedded in an international treaty, and at the end of 50 years, the properties will revert to the Mexican Government.

According to a message from Mexico City, Senator Castillo Najera, Mexican Ambassador to Washington, upon arrival at Mexico City today reiterated that on general principle, "the return of the expropriated oil properties is out of the question."

He referred to the forthcoming visit of Messrs. Richberg and Hurley, representing the Standard Vacuum Company, and the Sinclair Consolidated Corporation, who are reported to be bringing proposals connected with the oil controversy to submit to President Cardenas.

Senator Najera expressed the opinion that the matter was between Mexico and private interests, and was in no sense an international issue.—Reuter.

Czar's Niece: Sudden Illness

London, Feb. 26.

Princess Andrew, niece of the late Czar of Russia, was suddenly taken seriously ill today.

Princess Andrew and his mother, the Grand Duchess Xenia of Russia, are at the sick bed.

The family occupy a suite of rooms in Hampton Court Palace.—Trans-Ocean.

British Planes For Kunming

Kunming, Feb. 26.

It is reliably stated that Imperial Airways planes will begin flying from Kunming to Kanton on March 20, while passenger and mail planes of the Sino-American China National Aviation Corporation will fly directly from Chungking to Kanton.—United Press.

Japanese Raid Two Cities

Linhien, Kwangtung, Feb. 26.

Wachow, East River town in Kwangtung, was attacked by Japanese planes this afternoon. Four bombs were dropped.

Suifen on the Luchow Peninsula, was also raided. Eight bombs were released, landing in a hospital. No casualties were caused.—Central News.

Balloons Struck By Lightning

London, Feb. 26.

Two balloons were struck by lightning and destroyed during a balloon barrage manoeuvre in England on Sunday. One balloon of a barrage of six crashed in flames at Stanmore in Middlesex, and the other in Essex.—Trans-Ocean.

M.C.L. FLAG DAY

A successful Flag Day, organised by the Ministering League and Ministering Children's League was held on Saturday, depots being established at the Cheero Club, Hongkong, and the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

On Friday night Mrs. T. H. King broadcast an appeal to the Public to support the Flag Day, the proceeds of which will be devoted to worthy causes.

The total amount collected on Saturday will not be known till today.

NORMA SHEARER ILL

Hollywood, Feb. 26.

The film star Norma Shearer is suffering from a throat infection and is very ill, according to the doctor. Her condition is stated to be not alarming at present, although her temperature rose to 105 degrees last night.—Reuter.

TRAFFIC CENSUS

London, Feb. 25.

A three days detailed census of traffic on the London underground at present proceeding, and as on similar occasions in the past figures conducted by this traffic test will probably result in further improvements and developments of the tube system.—British Wireless.

CHURCH MUSIC

The hall of the Hop Yut Church was again filled to capacity on Saturday evening, when the second recital of modern Chinese sacred compositions given by the Church's choir, under the direction of Mr. Fung Hin-chung.

The proceeds were for the relief of refugees.

WEDDING

Mr. V. Benwell And Miss K. Winch

Two popular hockey players were united at St. Andrew's Church on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Kathleen Winch became the bride of Mr. Vincent M. Benwell.

THE BRIDE who is he daughter of Mr. S. S. Winch, chairman of the Civil Establishments, Naval Yard, and Mrs. Winch, of 180a Nathan Road, is a member of the younger social set, and has made a name for herself in the annual Pantomimes of the Y.M.C.A.

She was given away in marriage by her father, and chose for her wedding dress, a creation of white French figured taffeta, with a veil of net and embroidered satin. The dress was made by Messrs. Lane Crawford Ltd. She carried a bouquet of white roses.

The Misses Brenda Rowell and Joyce Shirley acted as bridesmaids in dainty frocks of shell pink taffeta. In place of the conventional bouquets they carried novel pink camellia handbags.

The bridegroom, who is a Sanitary Inspector, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Benwell of Warwickshire, England. He is a member of the Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club and H.K. Hockey Club, being the goal-keeper for the hockey teams.

Mr. Robert A. Bates undertook the duties of best man.

The Rev. J. R. Higgs, Vicar of St. Andrew's, officiated and Mr. Rupert Baldwin was at the organ.

The reception was held at the China Light and Power Recreation Club, Kowloon.

The bride's mother was present in a smart ensemble in mustard and brown, with accessories to match.

When Mrs. Benwell left for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Repulse Bay, she wore a charming model in turquoise blue with accessories to match.

JAPANESE TERRIFIC AIR LOSS

(Continued from Page 1.)

1,010 machines lost to the Japanese, 221 were shot down by the Chinese air force in mid-air, 179 were destroyed by the Chinese air force on the ground, 83 were shot down by Chinese anti-aircraft guns during raids, 107 were destroyed by Chinese land troops, 110 were destroyed by Chinese artillery, 10 were forced down behind Chinese lines, 27 were damaged, forced down and reported still missing, and 363 were lost in mishaps and accidents.

The spokesman said that the number of accidents estimated, namely 363, is an under- rather than an over-estimation.—Central News.

PALESTINE PLAN: JEW DELEGATION

(Continued from Page 1.)

Arab State would be set up in Palestine, several hundred of young Arabs entered Haifa today to hold public demonstrations to express their joy.

Dancing and singing, they marched through the town shouting "Palestine for the Arabs! Long Live Haj Amin!" (Haj Amin is the Mufti).

Almost at the same time, a British steamer arrived at Haifa bringing a large number of British police to reinforce those of the mandated authorities in Palestine.—Trans-Ocean.

NOTED JAPANESE STATESMAN DIES

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will be carried home by Mrs. Salto and other members of the bereaved family from San Francisco aboard the N.Y.K. liner Tatsuta Maru on March 30.—Domel.

AMERICA'S CONDOLENCES

Tokyo, Feb. 27.

Mr. Joseph C. Grew, the American Ambassador to Japan, called on Mr. Kengo Sawada, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs at the Foreign Office at noon today and expressed sympathy for the death in Washington of Mr. Hiroshi Salto.—Domel.

LONDON EXPANSION

Planned Decentralisation Of Industry Urged

London, Feb. 25. A strong plea to the Government to adopt a policy of planned decentralisation of industry was made by Lord Lytton when addressing the 40th annual meeting of the Garden Cities and Town Planning Association.

The Association has urged this course on social grounds in the past but vulnerability in time of war was the main reason for the urgency to the demand. In factory trades alone London had nearly one quarter of the workers of England and Wales and he hoped a half would be called to continue the expansion of London.—British Wireless.

KOWLOON ROBBERIES

Miss F. A. Dobson, of Prince Edward Road, reports that some one broke into her residence and stole money and other articles to the total value of \$70.

While watching a football match at Caroline Hill yesterday, L. Bolton, of Jaffe Road, reports that he had his pocket watch stolen.

Mr. A. Pratt, of Arlington Hotel, reports the loss of a fountain pen and money to the value of \$150.

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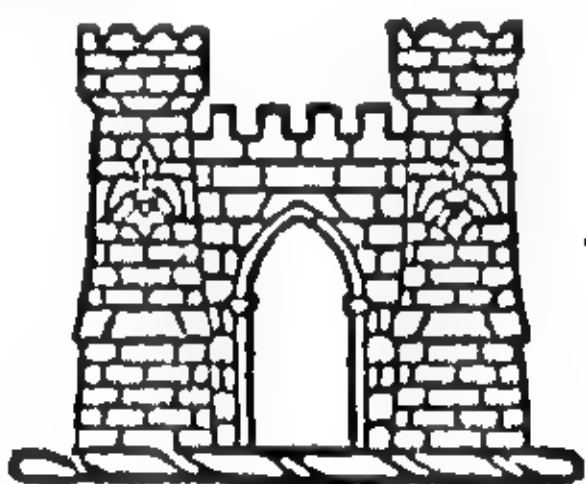
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DEATH

ERIKSEN.—At the Precious Blood Hospital on February 25th, 1939, Hjalmar Ingemar Eriksen, of 287 Prince Edward Road and formerly of the China Maritime Customs, aged 48 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

The Hongkong Telegraph.
Wyndham St., Hongkong
Phone 26615
February 27, 1939

Holy Land Deadlock

The Palestine talks in London appear to have reached an impasse, a conclusion that was forecast before they commenced. At present the chances of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald being able to find any point of common agreement between Jews and Arabs on which a compromise settlement can be reached are extremely slim.

The cases of Jews and Arabs which the respective delegates solemnly and laboriously repeat are already known to the British Government. The hoary facts have already been unearthed and laid before the Government by half a dozen official commissions to Palestine.

As both cases are irreconcilable both sides are manoeuvring for favoured treatment by trying to frighten the Government with the international situation in relation to the strategic importance of Palestine in the event of another crisis.

A crisis is expected next month in the Mediterranean as a sequel to a Franco victory in Spain and Mussolini's demands on France, and the Arab delegation will continue to use the importance of a peaceful Palestine as a lever to gain their objectives.

This is the position at present: The Arabs insist that Jewish immigration must be stopped, land sales by Arabs to Jews must be prohibited, and an Arab National Government must be set up under which the civil and religious rights would be guaranteed.

The Jews insist that Jewish immigration must be continued and that on no account must the Jewish community in Palestine be relegated to minority status which, it is claimed, would wreck the whole meaning and spirit of the Jewish National Home.

The position is a difficult one. The Jews, however, appear to hold the biggest end of the stick. Another factor has been introduced within recent months—the attitude of the United States.

The German persecution of the Jews has made a deep impression on America and the British Government cannot afford to alienate the growing pro-British sympathy of the United States by according to the Arab demands in Palestine.

MRS. FITZPILLSBURY

"Lor'-luv-a-duck!" Was Her
Favourite Expression

by
GEOFFREY SUCKLING

IF YOU WERE to throw the Hongkong Bank into the harbour you could scarcely make a bigger splash than the one Mrs. FitzPillsbury made when she dove into Peak Society Circles some ten years ago. I have nothing but admiration for Mrs. FitzPillsbury. Of the buxom type, her disposition was as generous as her figure, and she made many friends in Hongkong.

She had one little peculiarity, though—a very quaint way of expressing herself at times. For instance, "Lor'-luv-a-duck!" was a favourite exclamation of hers.

Of her husband—Archibald—I prefer to say nothing. I will merely ask you to recall, in connection with his transfer to west Africa two years ago, the last line of that famous little rhyme about the Plover, the Owl and the Waverley Pen.

I became acquainted with the FitzPillsburys through the loss of the lady's pearl necklace.

Singularly enough, the incident was never recorded in the Hongkong papers, so allow me to give you the details.

On December 24, 1931, I was sitting in my office and pondering over two problems—(a) how to get hold of a cutting of *enklanthus splendens* for my garden, and (b) how to get rid of my new assistant, who was turning out to be a numskull of the first water.

The telephone bell rang: I picked up the receiver.

"Yes, I am Mr. Suckling, the private detective," I said, "and you?"

"It's Mrs. FitzPillsbury speaking, of 964, the Peak."

"I suppose you want your husband shadowed, madam?"

"Lor'-luv-a-duck! No! I've lost my jewels."

At the word "jewels" I recoiled slightly.

"And you want me to find them for you?"

"Ain't you clever! Of course I do. My husband isn't half cut up about it, and he's carrying on like anything."

"Please describe the jewels, madam, and where did you lose them?"

"It's me ten thousand dollar pearl necklace what's gone. I was wearing it at St. Andrew's Ball last night and I don't know whether it's been taken off from me or whether I dropped it. But as it's gone, I'm sure it's gone."

"I don't as a rule discuss my fee over the telephone," I told her, but it happens to be \$5.00 an hour, or, if you prefer to pay by results, ten per cent. of the value of the necklace when it's recovered."

Silence for several seconds.

"Supposing it ain't worth quite \$10,000," she asked, "what then?"

"In that case, madam, I should be content with an official valuation."

Was it a snigger I heard?—surely not.

"I'll pay by results," she said. "Better come up and see me."

I gave a suitable reply, and hung up the receiver.

Now for action!

I mobilised the staff.

"Waffles, McTurbot!—Ah Lum!" I called.

Waffles stepped forward.

"Yes, boss?" he said.

I blushed as I looked at his sloping forehead.

"Don't call me boss!" I snapped.

"Where's Ah Lum?"

Ah Lum appeared. Ah Lum was my gardener until I promoted him assistant sleuth. Now he calls himself "the Charlie Chan of Hongkong."

"Ah Lum," I commanded, "bring two pieces no. 4 disguise chop chop. Then take ten cents petty cash, go enklanthus smoky shop, and cathee this!"

I wrote on a piece of paper "TWO FLOR DE CABBAGIO CIGARS" and "and don't forget to bring back change."

"You Waffles," I said, "will please try to forget for a while that you are the underpaid assistant of a famous detective and imagine yourself a respectable sharebroker. Ah Lum will give you the necessary outfit—bowler hat, gent's natty blue suit, horn-rimmed glasses and spats. You may select a few articles of jewellery if you like, but don't overdo it. If you take my advice, you will not attempt to light the cigar that I shall give you. A little judicious chewing will be quite sufficient."

Having issued these instructions, I quickly changed my own dress, and in a few minutes quite a creditable transformation had taken place in both my own and Waffles' appearance. I agreed for once with a suggestion from Waffles—a buttonhole certainly would put a finishing touch to the ensemble.

Ten minutes later we were in the Peak Tram and I was explaining to my assistants the nature of the case we were embarked upon.

"You look see," I told him, "any flower beds have got footprints." Then, remembering that FitzPillsbury was a keen horticulturist, I added: "Don't forget enklanthus splendens—nice same Chinese call mink cat—mink very nice flower; look very nice my garden."

"Can do," said Ah Lum and stealthily departed.

Waffles and I approached the house. On the door-step was a stranger.

He might be the thief.

We decided to contact him.

"Excuse me, Sir," I said, lifting my bowler. "Isn't this ideal weather for a little flutter? What about a few Antamoko to start with? Or I can let you have some Peak Trams very cheap. They're always moving, you know—going up and down every day—so you're sure to make a handsome profit. Of course, if a hand-

Wait a minute, boss!" cut in Waffles. "Let me show the gentleman a nice line in Cottons."

"Shut up, you fool!" I hissed in his ear. "You're a sharebroker—not a haberdasher."

Then the stranger spoke, and he made a most extraordinary remark.

"Who let you out?" he asked.

I drew myself up.

"I'm afraid I don't quite follow you," I replied, "but, in case you are trying to be sly, let me inform you that we are detectives, and that anything you say will be taken down, altered, and used in evidence against you."

The rule fellow laughed.

"I'm Mr. Archibald FitzPillsbury," he said, "and I guess you've come about the necklace. Better go inside and see my wife."

"How why couldn't he have told us that before?"

Mrs. FitzPillsbury was delighted to see us.

No, she had not missed the necklace till she went to bed. Yes, the ballroom had been thoroughly searched. No, she did not suspect anyone. Was she in the habit of locking her bedroom door at night?

Lor'-luv-a-duck, what a question to ask a lady! Better enquire from Mr. Archibald.

I thanked her, and intimated that, with her permission, we would take a look through the house.

"You start at the top and work down, Waffles," I said, "and I will start on the ground floor and work up."

It was in the pantry that I came across an important clue—a perfectly good bottle of whisky with a finger-print on it. Pardon me, I mean: a bottle of whisky with a perfectly good finger-print on it.

I carefully laid the bottle in a despatch case I had brought with me labelled SHARES, and was just about to turn my attention to a boiled chicken in the refrigerator, when a most startling thing occurred.

The air was rent by a lady's piercing screams, mingled with hysterical laughter.

What on earth was happening?

The sound seem to come from one of the bedrooms, so I dropped the chicken and dashed upstairs. Archibald rushed past me and flung open a door.

As we entered, Mrs. FitzPillsbury was excitedly exclaiming, "Now, now, young fellow! Don't you get fresh with me! I don't mind a bottle of beer and a bit of fun, but none of that!"

What did it all mean?

Of course Waffles would be there but why was he bending over Mrs. FitzPillsbury with a tape measure in his hand, and why had she changed into evening dress at eleven o'clock in the morning?

Before I had time to figure the whole thing out, the infuriated husband, making a bee dive for Waffles, had clutched the poor fellow by the nose of his neck and catapulted him half way across the room.

"Now, perhaps," he spluttered, "you will be good enough to explain why you were manhandling my wife!"

It was obvious that, if any light were to be thrown on the situation, Waffles was the only one to do it, for my lady was lying on the bed in the last throes of hysteria.

But it took five minutes before Waffles, who was completely winded, was able to blurt: "I was doing nothing—only testing a theory."

And then, as he grew more composed: "The whole thing's a thasty mistake. You see, I had an idea the necklace might have come undone and slipped down Mrs. FitzPillsbury's neck, so I asked her to kindly put on the dress she was wearing at the ball. I was taking a few measurements when you fellows barged in."

"I say, Sir," he went on, turning to Archibald, "I think you owe me an apology—treating me like a blooming shuttleduck!"

"Mr. owe you an apology?" gasped Archibald, forgetting his grammar in the intensity of his fury. "Here, take this lounge lizard away," he appealed to me, "before I tread on him."

Mrs. FitzPillsbury raised herself on her elbow.

"Lor'-luv-a-duck!" she screamed and collapsed once more.

Waffles and I faded away.

Waiting for us on the road, we found Ah Lum. My detection vanished as I noticed he held a cutting of one of the finest roots of *enklanthus splendens* I have ever seen.

"Ah Lum," I murmured, patting him on the back, "you, at least, have done your duty. Now, how about the footprints? Did you find any?"

"Only this," smiled Ah Lum, showing me the sent of his pants. "The fa wrong here—he make one big step on my backside."

"Never mind, Ah Lum," I consoled him. "In England, people say you get 'Order of the Boot'—belong very honourable order."

"May be very honourable," he replied, "but also very sore!"

Arrived at the office, I got the staff to gather round me, and I produced the bottle of whisky.

"Here," I told them, "is our only clue—but an important one nevertheless. You will observe that there is a distinct finger-print on the neck of the bottle. I want you, Waffles, to compare the print with our Finger-Print Register. It may lead us to the thief who stole Mrs. FitzPillsbury's pearls. Meanwhile I will empty the contents into a jug for examination in the laboratory. It is quite on the cards that I shall find traces of dope, or—and I lowered my voice—"fear of poison!"

They both seemed suitably impressed, and I despatched Ah Lum for half a dozen bottles of soda water with which to carry out my experiments.

By the time the soda water was exhausted I had finished half the whisky but could find no trace of any deleterious matter having been added. On the contrary, it was exceedingly good whisky, and I had to admit that, whatever other failings he might have, Archibald was no mean judge of the staple product of Scotland.

A further test, with plain water, might perhaps be advisable, and I was just going to draw some when Waffles came in.

"Hullo, Waffles old boy!" I said, "can you tell me which is the cold water tap? There seems to be rather a lot of them about to-day. I always thought we had only one. By the way, have you discovered whose finger-print it is?"

"Yes," said Waffles, looking at me rather queerly I thought.

"Then whose is it?" I impatiently asked.

"Yours," he replied.

For five days the Mystery of the Pearl Necklace lay unsolved. I had been "waiting for a break" as our American friends would say.

And then it came—and via Waffles all people!

He burst into the office with: "I've found it! What do you think? I've found out that the pearls were false!"

I jumped up. "Explain at once!" I said.

"Last night at the hotel," he began, "I was shaking the wicked hoot, when you should I run into met Flossie Footles. You've met Flossie, of course?"

"I haven't had the pleasure. But go on!"

"Well, she's a bit of a gay spark, and when I mentioned about Mrs. FitzP. losing her pearls, what do you think she said?"

"I don't know," I replied. "I give it up."

"She said—and these were her very words—'Pearls! Pearls! Pearls!—deed! These pearls never saw the inside of an oyster shell, I'll warrant! Before she got hitched to Archibald, her ladyship was in the chorus of the 'Belle of New York' with me, and she was always a losing of her 'pearls.' Woolworth pearls they were. Losing jewelry is like second nature to her, and from what you tells me, it seems she still got the habit."

Now what do you think of that?"

I had to admit that, to say the least, his news was startling.

"But if it's true," I said, "then we're in the soup—even if we do recover the necklace—because I agreed to accept as payment ten per cent. of its value."

"Not at all!" replied Waffles. "From my short—and none too pleasant—acquaintance with Mrs. FitzPillsbury, I'm certain she isn't the type that would admit to wearing imitation jewellery!"

And then he expounded his plan. "In the Gloucester Arcade," he said, "is a shop where, for a modest outlay, you can purchase a string of artificial pearls as good—if not better—than the real stuff."

"I suggest we get a necklace made up, and hand it over to Mrs. FitzP. She's sure not to notice the difference, and then all we have to do is to bang in our bill. It's as simple as falling off a log!"

I considered his suggestion. Yes, it seemed workable.

"Waffles," I said, "we will adopt your plan and act immediately. By the way, I have decided to increase your pay this month by \$25..."

Waffles brightened.

"...which means," I continued, "that, this month, you will receive \$25 less than last month."

His face visibly wilted.

"I don't quite follow," he stammered.

"To use one of your pet similes," I replied, "it's as easy as falling off a log. Let me explain."

This morning, in view of your disgraceful exhibition of parlor tricks up the Peak, I made up my mind to cut your pay by \$50. Now, influenced by the fact that the mechanism in your cranium at last shows signs of ticking over, I have decided to give you an increase of \$25. The net result will therefore be—exactly \$25 less than last month."

I left him to his mental calculations, and sent Ah Lum for a neckless of 72 synthetic pearls "as big as pig's eggs."

When it arrived I set out for the Peak—alone this time.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



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which to carry out my experiments. By the time the soda water was exhausted I had finished half the whisky but could find no trace of any deleterious matter having been added. On the contrary, it was exceedingly good whisky, and I had to admit that, whatever other failings he might have, Archibald was no mean judge of the staple product of Scotland.

A further test, with plain water, might perhaps be advisable, and I was just going to draw some when Waffles came in.

"Hullo, Waffles old boy!" I said, "can you tell me which is the cold water tap? There seems to be rather a lot of them about to-day. I always thought we had only one. By the way, have you discovered whose finger-print it is?"

"Yes," said Waffles, looking at me rather queerly I thought.

"Then whose is it?" I impatiently asked.

"Yours," he replied.

For five days the Mystery of the Pearl Necklace lay unsolved. I had been "waiting for a break" as our American friends would say.

And then it came—and via Waffles all people!

He burst into the office with: "I've found it! What do you think? I've found out that the pearls were false!"

I jumped up. "Explain at once!" I said.

"Last night at the hotel," he began, "I was shaking the wicked hoot, when you should I run into met Flossie Footles. You've met Flossie, of course?"

"I haven't had the pleasure. But go on!"

"Well, she's a bit of a gay spark, and when I mentioned about Mrs. FitzP. losing her pearls, what do you think she said?"

"I don't know," I replied. "I give it up."

"She said—and these were her very words—'Pearls! Pearls! Pearls!—deed! These pearls never saw the inside of an oyster shell, I'll warrant! Before she got hitched to Archibald, her ladyship was in the chorus of the 'Belle of New York' with me, and she was always a losing of her 'pearls.' Woolworth pearls they were. Losing jewelry is like second nature to her, and from what you tells me, it seems she still got the habit."

Now what do you think of that?"

I had to admit that, to say the least, his news was startling.

"But if it's true," I said, "then we're in the soup—even if we do recover the necklace—because I agreed to accept as payment ten per cent. of its value."

"Not at all!" replied Waffles. "From my short—and none too pleasant—acquaintance with Mrs. FitzPillsbury, I'm certain she isn't the type that would admit to wearing imitation jewellery!"

And then he expounded his plan. "In the Gloucester Arcade," he said, "is a shop where, for a modest outlay, you can purchase a string of artificial pearls as good—if not better—than the real stuff."

"I suggest we get a necklace made up, and hand it over to Mrs. FitzP. She's sure not to notice the difference, and then all we have to do is to bang in our bill. It's as simple as falling off a log!"

I considered his suggestion. Yes, it seemed workable.

"Waffles," I said, "we will adopt your plan and act immediately. By the way, I have decided to increase your pay this month by \$25..."

Waffles brightened.

"...which means," I continued, "that, this month, you will receive \$25 less than last month."

His face visibly wilted.

"I don't quite follow," he stammered.

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China's Economic Development During War-Time

CHUNGKING, Feb. 26.

LATEST EFFORTS of the National Government for economic and communication development are revealed by Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan, in a report.

In the economic field according to Dr. Kung, the National Government is following a policy of extensive exploitation of natural resources and increase of production. Several points of special significance are embodied in this policy:

First, regional economic planning and development is emphasized. As a preliminary step, the Government has chosen the Taiding and Minkang valleys in Szechwan as the industrial belt. In this belt are found coal, petroleum and natural gas. Up till now an alcohol distillery, a power plant and a chemical works have been established, while a paper mill and a sugar refinery are under planning.

Secondly, a harmonious co-ordination of state and private enterprises is sought. The Government, on the one hand, has taken over enterprises of vital importance to national defence and heavy industries and, on the other hand, is modifying the Corporation Law, fostering the growth of private industries, and promoting co-operation between the state and private individuals, all with a view to encouraging private investments.

Thirdly, rural economic relief is provided through the promotion of rural co-operatives, agricultural experimental stations and the Farm Credit Bureau.

FARM CREDIT BUREAU

After the Sino-Japanese hostilities flared up, the Farm Credit Bureau diverted its attention from the Lower Yangtze valley to the Southwest. In 1938 the Bureau had established 76 rural credit co-operatives in the Southwest to which it has subscribed a capital of \$7,000,000. At the same time it had set up 49 granaries with a storage capacity for 100,000,000 piculs of farm products, invested \$8,700,000 on irrigation projects, which can irrigate 2,300,000 mow of farmland and purchased \$1,100,000 worth of raw cotton, cotton yarn, cotton cloth and foodstuffs to meet the needs in the rear.

In the field of communication development two major improvements are noted. In the first place, a Joint Land and Water Transportation Committee has been inaugurated to control wartime traffic.

In the second place, the Government had laid out a railway network for the Southwest. Aside from the Yunnan-Burma Railway, the Government is planning to build a line linking Kunming and Yipin (Szechwan) near the Yunnan-Szechwan border. There will also be an extension from Weining within the Kweichow-Yunnan boundary, and along the Kunming-Yipin line to Kweichow whence it will be connected with Luichow in the heart of Kwangsi. In that case, the four southwestern provinces of Yunnan, Szechwan, Kweichow and Kwangsi will be brought closely together.

Negotiations are also underway with a friendly nation for the construction of a railway in the Northwest. In air traffic the projected Sino-British airline is important. According to present arrangements, Chinese commercial planes may fly to Rangoon while British passenger and mail liners may fly from Rangoon to Kunming. At Rangoon passengers and mail will be picked up by British flying boats to Europe.—Central News.

GUERRILLAS MARCH ON SOOCHOW

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27. A STRONG detachment of Chinese guerrillas are rapidly marching on Soochow, scenic city known as Venice of China on the Nanking-Shanghai Railway, about 54 miles west of Shanghai.

The mobile fighters, according to a report from Shanghai, commenced their drive on Soochow during the Lunar New Year and have recaptured a village called Likow, less than 10 miles from the city. They succeeded in inflicting considerable losses on the Japanese and seizing a large quantity of arms and ammunition.

On February 21 and 22, the National flag was seen flying at Chimen, one of the north city gates of Soochow.

The same flag was also sighted at the different bridges along the Soochow-Shanghai Highway. All these bridges have been damaged by the guerrillas in order to impede Japanese communication.—Central News.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

armourer stradavarius
armordillo straight waistcoat
pollitasse arithmetical

English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

Downing Street Skirmish

PARIS, Feb. 26.

"WE WILL NOT permit anyone to touch our Empire built with the blood and labour of Frenchmen. We will maintain our sovereignty and territory intact."

These words were spoken by M. Georges Bonnet in a speech at Gourdon to-day, when he explained that recognition of the Franco Government was necessary because France wanted neighbourly relations with Spain. She wished to re-establish commercial relations with her, and did not wish to have a new frontier to defend.

M. Bonnet said that at the same time as Franco-German relations were improving, Anglo-French relations were becoming increasingly close, and the recent speeches of Viscount Halifax and Mr. Chamberlain showed the whole world the complete solidarity of Britain and France.—Reuter.

LONDON DEMONSTRATION

London, Feb. 26. The British decision to recognize General Franco, which is expected to be announced to-morrow, had a boisterous sequel at Whitehall this afternoon.

A demonstration of protest against the Government's action held in Trafalgar Square, was addressed by Mr. Clement Attlee, Mr. Herbert Morrison and Miss Ellen Wilkinson, and interrupted by protagonists of the Popular Front.

A resolution was passed viewing the Government's policy "with shame and abhorrence."

The crowd desired to march to Downing Street, but Mr. Attlee and Mr. Morrison and other leaders took the resolution to No. 10 Downing Street by taxi.

The Labour crowd followed on foot, shouting slogans. Upon arrival they found the entrance to Downing Street guarded by mounted police.

There was nothing more serious than one small skirmish between the police and a group of demonstrators waving Spanish flags.—Reuter.

ITALY SEEKS SUPPORT FROM POLAND

Warsaw, Feb. 26. Count Ciano had a conversation with Colonel Beck this afternoon. Reports that Count Ciano pressed for a definition of the Polish attitude towards Italian claims against France lend special interest to Colonel Beck's speech last night, which is interpreted as a hint that Poland has no intention of giving tacit support to a policy which might injure the interests of her French ally.

Colonel Beck would doubtless like to obtain a clear statement of Signor Mussolini's attitude towards the extension of Germany's commercial and political influence in south-east Europe, since Poland was disappointed by the failure of the Italo-German arbitration to award Ruthenia to Hungary, which would have created a Polish-Hungarian frontier.

Polish circles regard the present frontier as a potential source of trouble, and the centre of anti-Polish Ukrainian propaganda.—Reuter.

K.C.C. XI To Play Volunteers

The following team will represent the K.C.C. against the Volunteers in a cricket match at the K.C.C. to-morrow, starting at 2 p.m.

D. J. N. Anderson, E. C. Fincher, R. E. Lee, S. V. Gittens, R. T. Broadbridge, K. M. Baxter, N. A. E. MacKay, T. A. Madar, B. D. Loy, G. E. Taylor, and G. A. Goodban. Reserve—F. A. Broadbridge.

NORMA SHEARER IMPROVING

Hollywood, Feb. 26. Norma Shearer, who is ill, is reported to be much improved to-day. Her temperature was down to 100, and she had a better night.—Reuter.



A section of the large crowd at the races.

Gruesome Sight In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27.

LOOKING ACROSS the boundary of the Settlement this morning, police saw three Chinese heads, believed to be of two men and one woman, suspended from telephone poles in the Japanese-occupied area in Western Shanghai.

The discovery followed Chinese reports that Guerrillas had raided a village yesterday and executed 20 alleged traitors.—United Press.

NEW CREDITS FOR CHINA

Japanese Newspaper's Revelations

TOKYO, Feb. 27.

ACCORDING TO the "Nichi Nichi," Chinese emissaries in Europe were concluding arrangements with France for an Anglo-French programme of financial assistance.

The newspaper reported that after negotiating secretly with the British authorities, the Chinese emissaries recently arrived in Paris and held numerous interviews with "pro-Chinese French officials," including M. Bonnet, and M. Camphel, as well as with French and Netherlands military leaders.

The newspaper said that in the negotiations with Britain, the Chinese emissaries gained the promise of a loan in return for ceding British Concession rights in Tibet, Sikkim and Szechwan.

According to the paper, Britain will permit new loans to the Kuomintang Government in continuation of the £300,000 credit loan concluded last year.

China is using the funds in strengthening her currency for paying for arms bought in Europe for shipment to China.

Under this arrangement, says the report, the French authorities in China will permit French exploitation of all parts of south-western China bordering French Indo-China in co-operation with Britain and America.

In return for this privilege, France is expected to co-operate with Britain in maintaining China's legal tender, secondly, to ship arms and munitions to China which were previously scheduled for Loyalist Spain, and thirdly, to begin positive co-operation with those countries in supporting China for the extension of new credits to the Kuomintang.—United Press.

RIOTING IN MEXICO

43 Killed In La Palma Fighting

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 26.

FORTY-THREE are reported to have been killed in a clash between Federal troops and a band of 100 well-armed marauders at La Palma in the Sinaloa State.

The death roll comprised three Federal officers, ten soldiers, and thirty marauders, the remaining bandits dispersing in the neighbouring mountains.

An unconfirmed report says that General Menchaca, chief of the Federal troops in charge of the operations was also killed.

The movement is stated to be isolated, and was in no way organised.—Reuter.

Chungking Ridicules Peace Plan

"No Chinese Will Be Deceived"

CHUNGKING, Feb. 26.

CHUNGKING'S reception of Major-General Kita's new peace plan is marked by sarcasm, ridicule and extreme contempt.

Officials, especially those specialising in Japanese affairs, are ready to comment on the plan regarding the Kuomintang and the Government at Nanking, and their criticisms follow: Firstly, Japan's adoption of Sun Yat-sen's "San Min Chu I" means spiritual Japanese surrender to China. They said that even Baron Hiranuma and General Itagaki had publicly discussed the San Min Chu I question in the Imperial Diet, indicating that the Japanese are considering re-interpretation and of making use of San Min Chu I seriously and urgently. However, none of the Chinese would believe what the Japanese would manufacture from the doctrine.

Secondly, Kita, as head of the special service organ at Peiping is the first Japanese official openly planning a peace programme. It is stated that Tokyo, for a long time, has stooped for peace, first directing the "puppets" at Peiping to appeal.

Thirdly, Kuomintang officials believe that Wang Ching-wei, despite his inclination for peace, would not join the proposed Nanking-Kuomintang Government, because he was clever enough to understand that for peace which was without result, the proposed regime in Nanking would be the most sinister among all the "Puppet" regimes.

Now that the Japanese themselves were "no longer potent" they were proposing peace.

"ABSOLUTE INSULT" Fourthly, the so-called invitation to Chiang Kai-shek to join the proposed Nanking regime was an "absolute insult to China and to the Chinese nation," and no decent Chinese in Chungking would consider acceptance in the light of such an insult.

Fifthly, unconfirmed reports stated that Major-General Kita, from the beginning of the war, was against the idea of exhausting Japanese preparations in China, and then did his utmost to prevent the Shanghai outbreak, although he failed. It is said that his wife is Chinese, and that he understands Chinese affairs well, and is himself a noted speaker of the Chinese language.

Observers claim that though it was a success to select this man to sue for peace, it was a fundamental Japanese mistake in arranging a new peace plan which lies ignorant of the fact that the Chinese people are not so easily deceived with a counter-attack of propaganda.

Sixthly, Chinese experts on Japanese affairs had warned the nation for months that the Japanese were plotting to form a new Kuomintang so that Major-General Kita's peace plan was nothing new in the eyes of Chungking. They said that Baron Hiranuma's re-interpretation of the Sun Yat-sen principles—the unity of Japan, China and Manchukuo, and Japanese tutelage throughout China, instead of Sun Yat-sen's five-power constitutional Government and the People's livelihood—would mean Japanese exploitation of Chinese resources.—United Press.

Swiss Correspondent Expelled By Italy

Rome, Feb. 26.

The Italian Government has ordered the expulsion from Italy of the Swiss journalist, Paul Gellert, for 12 years Rome correspondent of the Paris "Le Temps," Robert Hodel, correspondent of the Zurich "Neue Zürcher Zeitung," who has lived in Italy for 20 years, and Luigi Pedrazzini, Rome correspondent of the Mittel Press Agency at Bern.

The three men were summoned to the police station this morning and informed they must leave the country by midnight on March 15.

No official explanation for the expulsions is given.—United Press.

President Azana Leaves France

PARIS, Feb. 26.

THE PRESIDENT of the Spanish Republic, Senor Manuel Azana, left Paris for his brother-in-law's home in Savile to-day accompanied by the Loyalist Spanish Ambassador to Paris, Senor Marcelino Pascua y Martinez, and the President of the Cortes, Senor Martinez Barrio.

It is not known whether President Azana, before leaving, signed his abdication.—Trans-Ocean.

HONGKONG BOMBING AFFAIR

Amicably Settled Says Report

TOKYO, Feb. 27.

THE BOMBING AFFAIR involving the British territory near Shumchun, was understood to have been amicably settled as the result of the official British communication handed on Saturday afternoon by Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, to the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Renzo Sawada, in which the British Government expressed satisfaction at the Japanese reply to the British protest.

Following the informal communication on Saturday morning, the British Ambassador called on Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sawada, at the Foreign Office on the afternoon and handed a written note to the Japanese Government.

Foreign Minister Arata, it is reported, expressed in writing, profound regret to the British Government, through Ambassador Craigie for the bombing by mistake, of the British territory in Kowloon on February 21 by Japanese military aircraft, and proposed compensation for the losses caused by the incident, and also to take all other possible steps for an amicable settlement.

It is understood that negotiations for the payment of indemnities and other technical affairs will be conducted by the authorities of the two countries "on the spot."—Domei.

Why Kuling Foreigners Are Staying

Loyalty To Duty

Hankow, Feb. 26.

Loyalty to duty and to the Chinese dependent on them is responsible for the continued presence in Kuling of some of the little band of Americans still at the mountain resort, according to the former fellow residents, who recently arrived here.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Libby refused to consider abandoning their tubercular home which they conduct. Miss Rachel Nostrom prefers risking her life to abandoning the group of Chinese girl students who look there from Nanking before the latter city fell.

Miss Nancy Fry, the only foreign nurse in Kuling, is prepared to nurse Chinese civilians who may be wounded by the threatened air raids.

Among other Americans in Kuling are some too old or infirm to undertake the arduous journey to Kuling. Mr. Henry Baker, a resident at Kuling for over 30 years is 70. The Rev. Wesley Lawton and the Rev. Hugh White and their wives are all over 70 years of age.

The Americans are using the American school as a concentration point where they intend to gather during the threatened raids. It is a four-story building of reinforced concrete, which could only be damaged by a direct hit.—United Press.

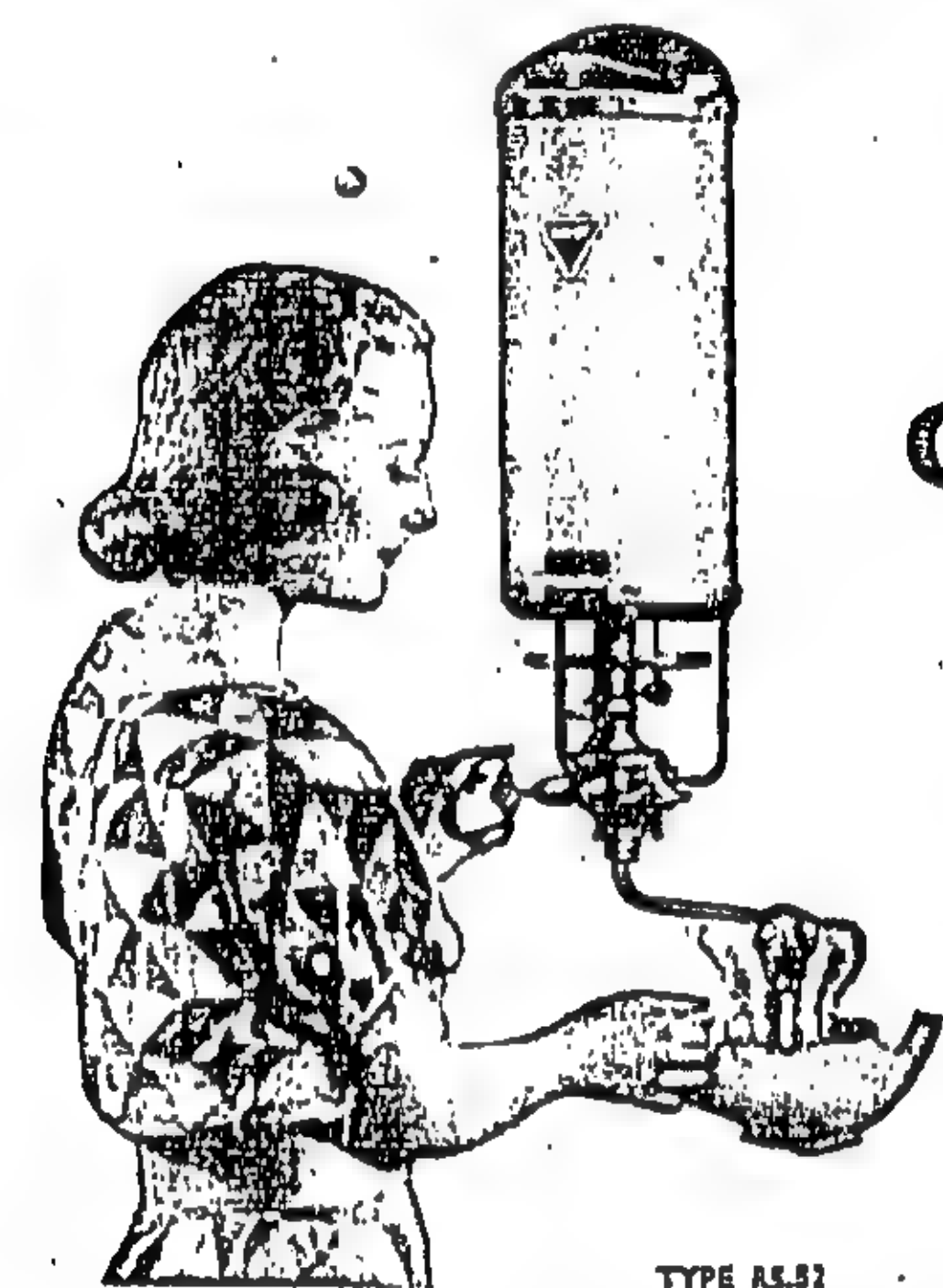


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Cowardly Attack On Taxi-Driver

Soldiers Fined

A cowardly attack by two soldiers on a taxi-driver had a sequel in Central Court this morning when Gunner John Buller and Gunner James Baxter, both 21 years of age were fined \$10 each for assaulting Leung Wah. In addition, Buller was ordered to pay \$5 compensation.

The assault on the driver took place after three men had alighted from the taxi at the entrance to Mt. Davis forts and refused to pay their fare, amounting to \$2.20.

Buller, in evidence, said: "I was very drunk at the time and don't remember what happened."

Baxter, said "I didn't strike the man. I ejected him from military property as part of my duty."

An officer told the Court that the gate man had orders not to allow any person into the forts unless he held a military pass or was accompanied by military personnel.

"In this case, I think Baxter exceeded his duty. The taxi-driver was entitled to his fare and if the soldier had any doubts he could have telephoned and ascertained his duty." The taxi-driver, who denied that any of his passengers were drunk, revealed that he has lost two days' pay as a result of the assault. He had to make up the difference between \$1, which one man subsequently tendered, and \$2.20.

Two special M.G.M. productions will be screened at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres as follows: "The Great Waltz" commencing on March 4, and "Citadel" on March 17.

Appeal To Insurgent Government

Marseilles, Feb. 26.

M. Flaudin, speaking at a banquet of the Alliance Democratique to-day said:

"Let us hope that in the field of foreign policy, recognition of the Spanish Insurgent Government will end the Spanish civil war, and mark the beginning of an era of European appeasement, of which the commercial negotiations between London and Berlin are the first manifestation."

"Let us also hope that the Government, which again has found it has a new and faithful majority, will go forward on the road of action."—United Press.

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ROSE ELECT OR NAVYLIGHT FOR HONGKONG DERBY?

BOTH IMPRESSED IN THEIR RACES LAST SATURDAY

Many Important Events On The Card To-day

Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Rose Elect or Mr. Ciro's Navylight to win the Hongkong Derby to-day?

This is a problem which has been confronting race-goers for some weeks. It was expected that Saturday's racing, the first opportunity punters had of seeing the ponies in a genuine race, would throw some light on the problem. But did it? One wonders.

The only things established by Saturday's events were that Rose Elect has plenty of speed—a fact which everyone who has seen the morning gallops is aware—and that Navylight seems to like a longish race—which has never been really confirmed.

But the point now seems to be this: Will Rose Elect, which created a new record for six furlongs in the Maiden Stakes on Saturday (beating King's Warden's best of 1.24.3), be able to keep it up in the longer Derby distance? If she can, she will probably win despite the fact that Navylight, in winning the Trial Plate, had no opposition at all from the rest of the field.

GOOD PERFORMANCES

Both performances were extremely impressive, and there seems little doubt that the first place in the Blue Riband is between the two. Lilliber and Blue Express were behind Rose Elect, and Eve of Harvest and Courtney in that order; but in each case, there was a clear-cut superiority of the winner over the rest of the field.

The track at the moment is very dry and is conducive to fast time, as proved by the three records established in five races on Saturday morning. Therefore we ought to see a very fast race if Liberty Day's Derby record is not lowered.

As only to be expected, both owners are supremely confident of their candidates' ability to win the Derby.

Mr. Eric Moller, for instance, thinks Navylight will win, though he acknowledges that Rose Elect is a "very fine animal." He is very disappointed that his son, Mr. R. B. Moller, who rode Silkyllight to victory in the Derby and Champions at the last annual meeting, cannot take out Navylight owing to a recurrence

of an old ailment, but he hopes to find a suitable jockey for to-day's big race. Mr. H. C. Pih took out Navylight on Saturday, but Mr. Moller expressed the hope that Mr. J. Pote-Hunt, a friend of his, would ride it in the Derby race.

VERY DISAPPOINTING

The form shown by Hyndford Bridge in the Trial Plate was very disappointing indeed, and it does not seem likely that this candidate will be of any danger to Rose Elect or Navylight. Before this race was run, however, there were many people who thought Hyndford Bridge up to the standard of these two, but opinion must have changed quickly after the finish of the Trial Plate.

Apart from the Derby, there are many interesting races on the card to-day, including the Lusitano Cup, Garrison Cup, Victoria Stakes, Exchange Plate, Chatterbox, and the Challenge Cup. Only two are for subscription China ponies.

Desert Chief, who broke a record on Saturday, has been entered in only one race, the Victoria Stakes. Therefore she is almost certain to start, in which case the race should be a close one. Silkyllight has been entered for the Victoria Stakes and the Challenge Cup, but it is expected that she will be taken out in the latter race only—a cinch for her.

If there are upsets to-day, they will probably be caused by ponies which were left at the starting gate on Saturday. There were several of them. The public, therefore, are still in the dark regarding their condition, and if their jockeys can get them away with the bunch in to-day's races, one or two may cause a surprise.

Confusion Bay, it is understood, will not weigh out for any events at the Carnival, as she is under a cloud.

"Capt. Foster" Selects The Following:

Selections Made By "Early Bird"

The following selections on to-day's races are made by "Early Bird" of the S. C. M. Post:

1st Race

Marksmen
Ring Master
Magog

2nd Race

Cocklehol
Ruby Star
Chiltern

3rd Race

Blue Express
Peaceful View
Jennifer

4th Race

Desert Chief
Bear Claw
Oak Day

5th Race

Rose Evelyn
Double Chance
Gold Sovereign

6th Race

Musketeer
Orange Boven
Celtic Star

7th Race

Lucky Lad
Lancashire Chips
Able Amazon

8th Race

Navylight
Rose Elect
Lilliber

9th Race

Wild Life
Rob Roy
New Star

10th Race

Silkyllight
King's Warden
Red Feather

11th Race

Avon
Hebble View

1.—MONGOLIAN STAKES

Ring Master
Magog
Radium Star

2.—PERTH PLATE

(FIRST SECTION)
Chiltern
Euphrasikel
Ruby Star

3.—LUSITANO CUP

Jennifer
Lilliber
Blue Express

4.—VICTORIA STAKES

Desert Chief
Bear Claw
Happy Eve

5.—GARRISON CUP

Rose Evelyn
Bistre
Salvage Master

6.—EXCHANGE PLATE

Musketeer
Marksmen
Orange Boven

7.—MELBOURNE CUP

Lucky Lad
Lancashire Chips
Able Amazon

8.—HONGKONG DERBY

Rose Elect
Navylight
Eve of Harvest

9.—CHATER CUP

New Star
Jobber
Wild Life

10.—CHALLENGE CUP

Silkyllight
King's Warden
Red Feather

11.—BLACK ROCK STAKES

Hebble View
Galveston Bay
Chiltern

12.—PERTH PLATE

(SECOND SECTION)
Devonlan
Rivulet
Happy Landings

DAILY DOUBLE

Lucky Lad / New Star

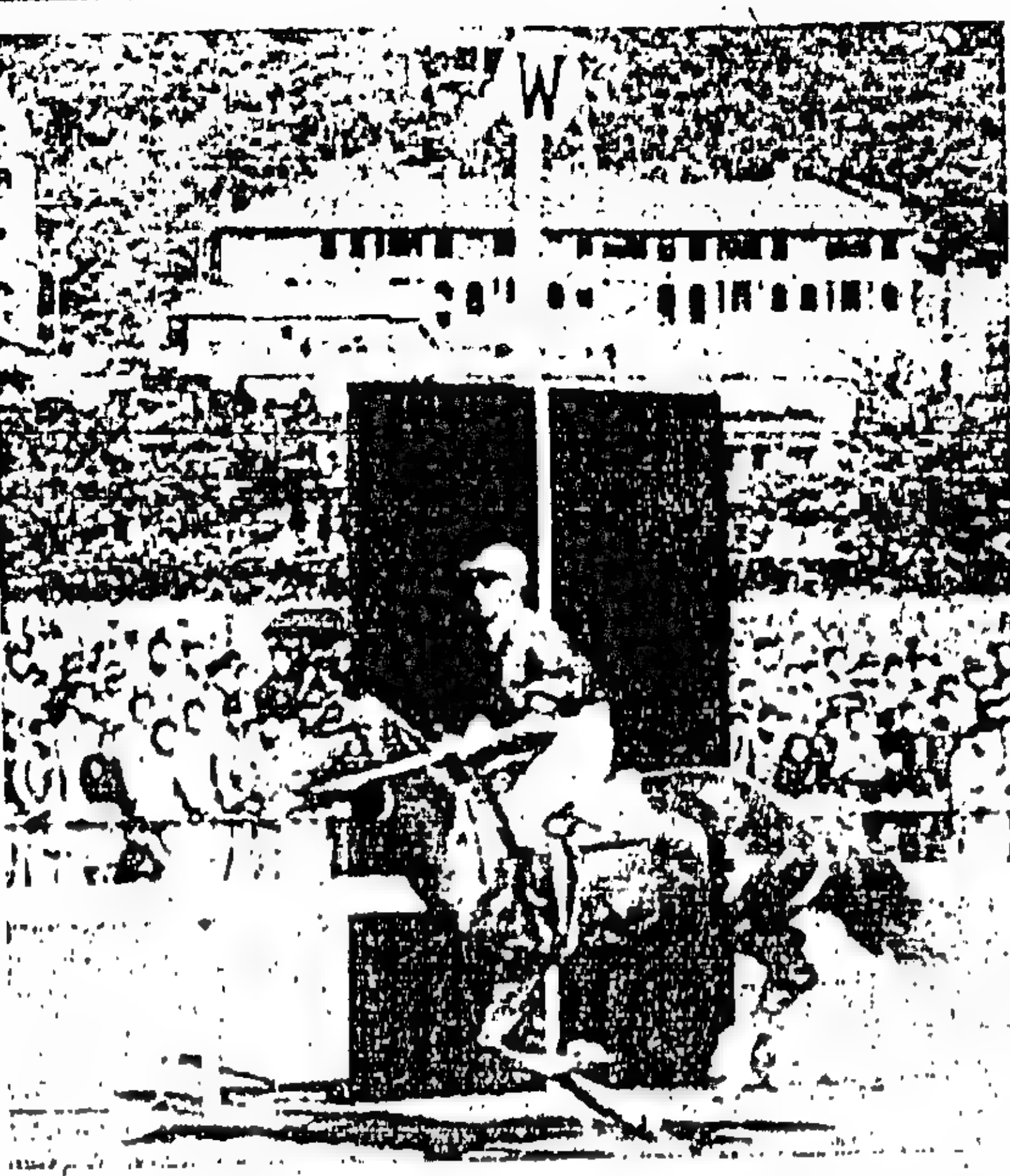
DAILY DOUBLE

English Cavalier
Devonlan
Rivulet

DAILY DOUBLE

Happy Landings
Lucky Lad and Wild Life

South China Held 1-1 In Charity Soccer



Mr. C. L. Gregory brought Strathbannock home to an easy win in the second section of the Wm. Nel China Stakes at Happy Valley on Saturday to pay the highest dividend of the day, \$69.50. Picture shows the winner at the post.—Photo by Jaffer.

TAKE THIS GUIDE TO RACE COURSE WITH YOU TO-DAY

The following are the entries for the races at Happy Valley to-day. Numbers in front of the ponies' names indicate where they finished in their last three starts.

MONGOLIAN STAKES

(About Half Mile 170 Yards)

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2 Alphonso 152

3 Arion 152

4 Ascol Vale 155

5 Avon 151

6 Balthazar 155

7 Black Diamond 150

8 Blenheim 151

9 Borey 155

10 Bressay 151

11 Calentite 151

12 Celtic Star 155

13 Charcoal 152

14 Chatterbox 151

15 Cylene 151

16 Devon Dimping 151

17 Fairchild 152

18 February 155

19 Gallant Marshal 155

20 Gauche 155

21 George 151

22 Gold Tower 153

23 Green Day 155

24 Guinevere 151

25 Heddon 151

26 High Tower 151

27 King Kong 151

28 King's Envoy 151

29 Lambeth Bridge 153

30 Matador 151

31 Mayfair Court 151

32 Mercury 152

33 Mileage 150

34 Musketeer 155

35 National Honour 152

36 National Justice 152

37 National Service 153

38 New Bedford 153

39 Old Fashioned 153

40 Opening Bateman 151

41 Orange Boven 155

42 Pall Mall 155

43 Patriotic Day 151

44 Phoenix 153

45 Ring Master 153

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47 Rose Day 155

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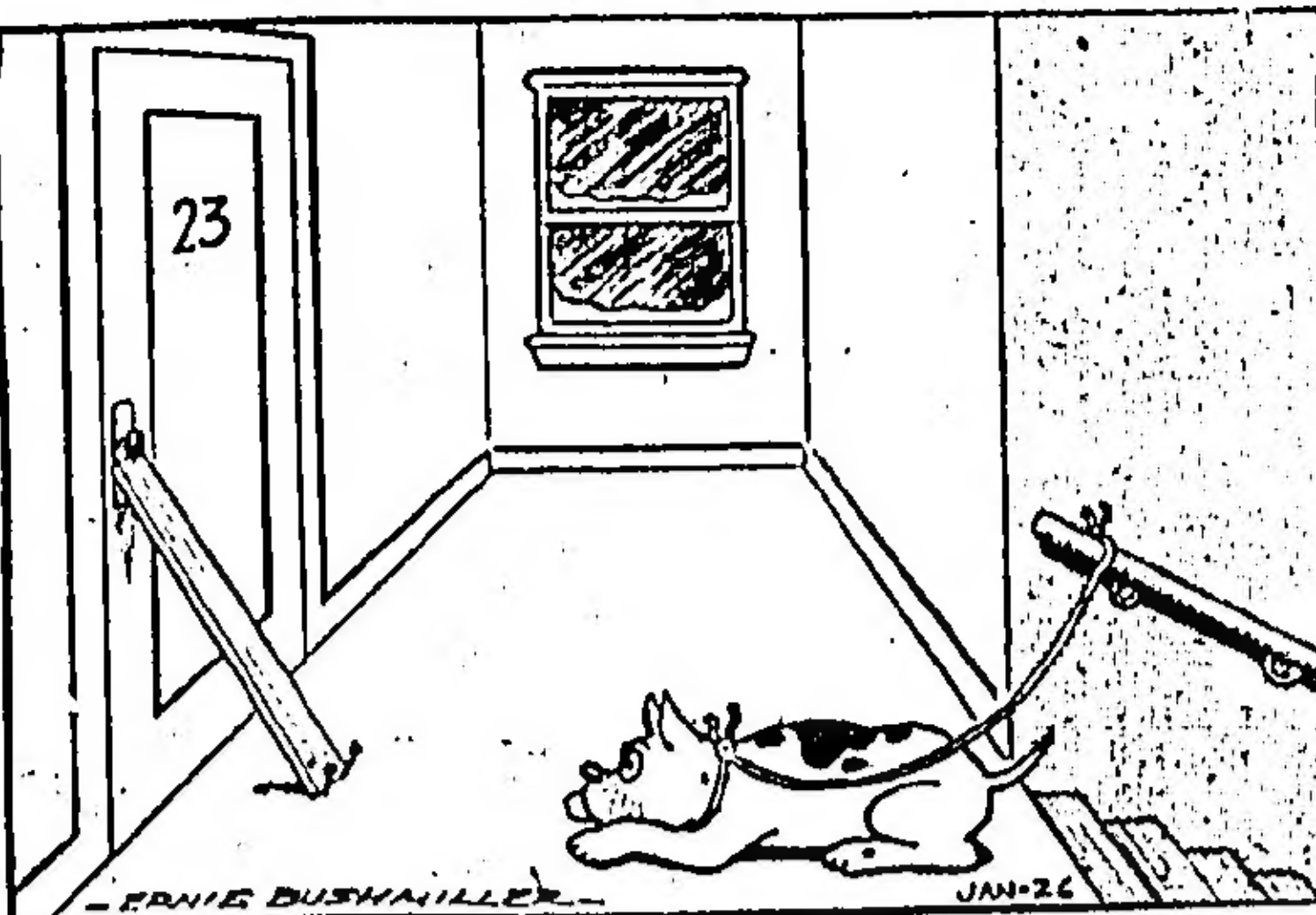
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LADIES HOLD INTERPORT HOCKEY TRIAL

Many Players on View In Preparation For The Visit to Shanghai

(By "The Pilgrim")

The first Ladies' Hockey Interport trial was held at King's Park yesterday morning. Two games of 40 minutes each were played, giving many players a chance to be seen in action.

There was one casualty during the course of the trial, Miss H. Bockler spraining an ankle in the first game, necessitating her leaving the field. Mrs. Ackroyd filled the vacancy at centre forward.

Colours, who had most of the play in the first game, scored through Miss D. McCaw in the second half. A nice movement by Miss J. Ewing on the right wing resulted in the goal being scored. This was the only goal scored and both teams were very evenly-matched.

Of the respective goal-keepers, Mrs. Lunsford, Colours, was more reliable than Miss J. Hall, of St. Andrew's, and the Colours' backs, Miss G. White and Miss M. Roza, were superior to Miss Moss and Mrs. Wilnot. There was little to choose between the pivots, Miss J. Wong (Colours) and Miss I. Woolley (Whites). The latter, in my estimation, was slightly better with her positional play.

Mrs. I. Stone, the Colours' right-half, was the best wing-half on view, with Miss D. Watson the Whites' left-half, running a close second. Miss H. Reid and Miss J. Bockler were not at their best.

The Whites' attack was more impressive. Miss M. Shand, at inside left, and Miss D. McCaw, at centre forward, formed a good combination with Miss D. Hunt on the left wing doing some very useful work.

The M. Bockler-J. Ewing partnership also shaped well on the right flank.

The Colours' attack, both wingers, Miss J. Greig, on the right, and Miss M. Westcott, on the left, were the best forwards, though Mrs. Dalziel at inside left, worked hard.

SECOND GAME

In the second game, which was won by the Colours 1-0, several fresh players were introduced into both teams, and a few positional changes made. Miss D. Moss in goal for the Colours gave a better display than Mrs. Reid and the Colours' backs, Miss G. White and Mrs. Wilnot outshone Miss P. Everest and Miss R. Smith.

Miss I. Woolley was seen at right half for the Colours and Mrs. Williams at left-half, both gave a good account of themselves. Miss Harker, at inside right, showed good form and may go close to the final selection. Miss D. Hunt and Miss M. Westcott, the respective left wingers, changed places, the latter combining well with Miss M. Shand for the Whites.

Mrs. Greaves, at left half for the Whites, was also in the picture with her great spilling work, receiving able support from Miss A. Smith at centre-half.

This game, however, was not as interesting as the first, as several names were submitted by the various clubs and players had to be given a trial to prove their worth.

Several well-known players were not seen in action and their chances for the Interport cannot be ignored. I shall make further comments on Thursday.

Mrs. Webb informs me that there will be another trial next Sunday morning.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Recreio Defeat Panthers By One Run Margin

Scores of yesterday's games are as follows:

Men's League
English Forum 6, Machine Gunners 6.
Filipinos 12, Central British 3.
Women's League
Recreio 10, Panthers 10.
Inter-Hong League
Green Spots 21, R.A.F. 11.
Society 27, China Underwriters 5.
Hongkong Shanghai Bank 25, National City Bank 6.
Friendly
Club de Recreio 12, U.S.S. Minidano 6.

H.K. Ladies Surprise Saints XI

(By "The Pilgrim")

Though having only ten players, the Hongkong Ladies gave St. Andrew's a shock in the Caer Clark Cup on Saturday when they defeated the home team at King's Park by 3-2.

The Saints started off at a fast pace and it looked at one time as if the Hongkong Ladies were in for a rough time. Miss J. Wong gave the Saints the lead in a brilliant solo effort after 15 minutes, but though they were on the defensive most of the time, the Hongkong Ladies found the net on two occasions to take the lead.

The first goal followed a movement started by Mrs. Dalziel who, at the half-way line, sent the ball out to the left wing. Miss Purvis caught the ball on the run and with great speed put it into the goal. Mrs. Dalziel, almost immediately Miss M. Smalley, put across an excellent centre. Mrs. Dalziel was unmarked and before Miss J. Hall could get out, the centre forward had the ball in the net.

Thereafter the home side attacked up the middle but poor shooting by their forwards saw Hongkong Ladies still in the lead at half-time.

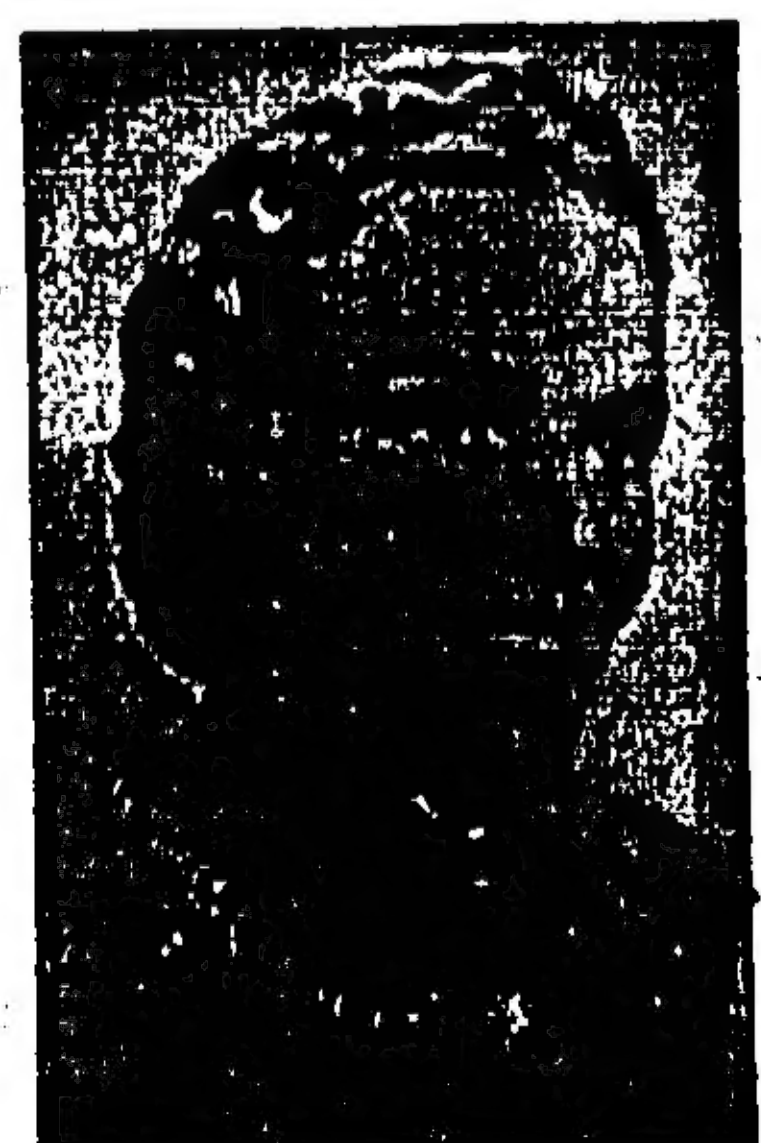
SECOND HALF

After the interval, the Saints' attack got going and by means of some good passing and speedy following up, Miss D. Moss in goal for the Colours gave a better display than Mrs. Reid and the Colours' backs, Miss G. White and Mrs. Wilnot outshone Miss P. Everest and Miss R. Smith.

In the last five minutes, however, Mrs. Dalziel, in a breakaway, just managed to tip the ball over the goal-line to put the Hongkong Ladies again in the lead--after Miss Hall had misfired a clearance. The end was near and though St. Andrew's pressed hard, the staunch defensive work of Miss Pope, Mrs. M. Bell and Miss E. Grey prevented their scoring.

Mrs. Lunsford was in excellent form in the visitors' goal and her play, particularly in the second half, was a distinct feature of the game.

Miss G. White, Miss J. Wong and Miss H. Reid did well in the Saints' defence, and though their re-arranged forward line displayed more dash, their understanding and finishing left much to be desired.



Francis Farmer scores again in Paramount's thrilling drama, "Ride a Crooked Mile," which is being shown simultaneously at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres. Also in the cast are Akim Tamiroff and Lili Erikson.



A scene of the French revolution, from "Marie Antoinette," starring Norma Shearer and Tyrone Power. The picture, which marks the return to the screen of Norma Shearer, who is reported to be gravely ill at the moment, is now being shown at the King's Theatre. The two stars are shown in the inset.

BANKERS HOLD CLUB FORM GUIDE TO A DRAW IN ANNUAL ENCOUNTER

(By "Fly-Half")

On Saturday afternoon on the Navy ground at Causeway Bay, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank held the Club to a draw of a goal each. Play was fairly even throughout with the Bank throwing away possible scoring chances through bad passing.

Unexpectedly the Club halves, Henderson and Hutchison, did not have things their own way. The Bank back row forwards were quick in going round on Henderson whenever Club heeled. Hutchison was much subdued and yet he obtained what has been for him a try per match for February. Although he did not make yesterday's try, he obtained it by good backing up.

The Bankers held a slight superiority in the tussle between the packs, especially in the set scrums where Dunnet hooked well for them. Watson, who played in the back row three seasons ago for Club, was a lively wing forward on Saturday. Harman, who was playing his first game in the Colony, was well up with the ball on every occasion.

The Club three line had very little method in its play, probably due to the fact that it was composed of three wing thirds and a forward. Powell was the most forceful player with Stewart inclined to barge through rather than use his speed to get him round his opposite number. Up to the time he received an ankle injury, Bosanquet was the best wing three on the field.

The Bank backs possessed more guile although they were inclined to wander. Day confirmed the impression he made three weeks ago in a Wednesday fixture. He is quick off the mark and possesses a good side-step and swerve. Carruthers and he were two enterprising inside threes on Saturday. The former, however, has still an inclination to lose his head once he breaks through and throws out wild passes. He has a long stride which makes it particularly difficult to bring him down.

Taverner and Butcher were content to feed their threes--a wise move on the day's play. A notable absentee from the Bank team was R. C. L. Oliphant, who left the Colony a week ago for New York, to which he has been transferred.

TO-DAY'S GAME

This afternoon at 4.45 p.m., the Club "A" will meet a team drawn from the Hongkong Police. It is understood that B. C. Day, who did so well for Police at cricket last Saturday, will make his debut in the Police rugby team to-day at stand-off half.

The following will represent Club "A": Fox, Cole, Nelson, Carruthers, Watts, Day, Henderson, Salter, Burford, Bompas, Stark, Stewart, Harman, Taylor, and Redman.

SEVEN-A-SIDE

To-morrow afternoon at 2.30 p.m. on their ground at Sookunpo, the

BRITISH PLAYERS BEATEN

Capetown, Feb. 25.
In the third and last Lawn Tennis test match which is being played here, Britain, so far, has been beaten in all matches. The results to-day were:

N. G. Farquharson (S. Africa) beat R. A. Shays (Britain) 6-3, 6-4.
Miss Olive Craze (S. Africa) beat Miss Rosemary Thomas (Britain) 6-3, 7-5.

Kirby and Mrs. C. J. Robbins (S. Africa) beat Stages and Miss Jean Saunders (Britain) 6-2, 6-4.
Farquharson and Miss Craze beat D. Butler and Miss Valerie Scott (Britain) 6-0, 5-7, 7-5.

The match will be resumed on Monday.—Reuter.

TOURNAMENT POSTPONED

The tennis tournament which was to have been held by the Civil Service Cricket Club at their courts at Happy Valley yesterday was postponed owing to the weather, and will be held next Sunday, March 5, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Entrance fee for the tournament will be \$1.

HVEGER'S RECORD

Copenhagen, Feb. 25.
Ranghild Hveger, the famous Danish girl swimmer, succeeded on Friday evening in improving on her own world record for the 500 metres free style, from 6 mins. 39.1 secs. to 6 mins. 34.3 secs.—Trans-Ocean.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The final of the Junior Golf Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was played off at Farlin yesterday when H. N. Williamson beat J. C. L. Pearce at the forthright hole.

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7).
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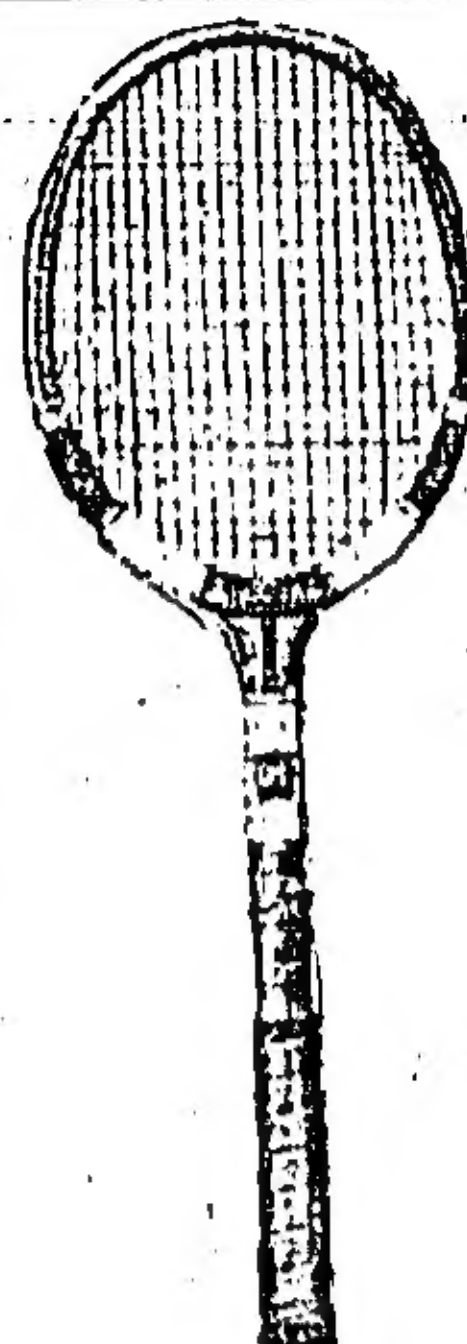
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MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting. NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax--or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Enclosures admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course. The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21020).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No animals will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tio Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES
Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders only on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1939.

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FROCKS FOR THE OFFICE



YOU will need to wear your top coats for some time yet, so the best thing to do is to have a new warm frock. It will make a pleasant change in your wardrobe.

The styles here are selected for those who spend their days in offices, so if you want to be one of the three smart girls shown in the sketch, here are a few tips as to colours and materials.

The girl who is handy with her needle is having a grand time among the fabric bargains just now. Rust, copper and tan are excellent shades to choose. They blend attractively with black, navy, green or brown coats, and give you a fashionable combination.

If you do not want an all-wool frock, then I suggest a wool and art, silk mixture.

Spring Fashions

Yoked styles and short sleeves are going to be featured in spring fashions. Note that the latter are squared and without an excessive puff. They are perhaps a little cool for present day wear, so above are shown two of the styles with long sleeves.

No. 1233 shows a youthful style with a simply cut skirt for the small woman. This would look attractive in kingfisher blue with a brown collar and cuffs, or if you prefer a pastel touch then choose down pink. Next comes a useful, buttoned style, No. 1234, with a narrow yoke that will suit the shortish woman, for these lengthening lines are height-making.

A scarf gives a bright flip to colour and buttons should match.

Slimming Stripes

Maybe you have to watch that hip-line, so choose a fabric with a faint chevron stripe. It's slimming! Stripes are neatly worked crossways and down in No. 1235, and buttons trim the front.

A small shoulder yoke gives the right fashion note to your dress.

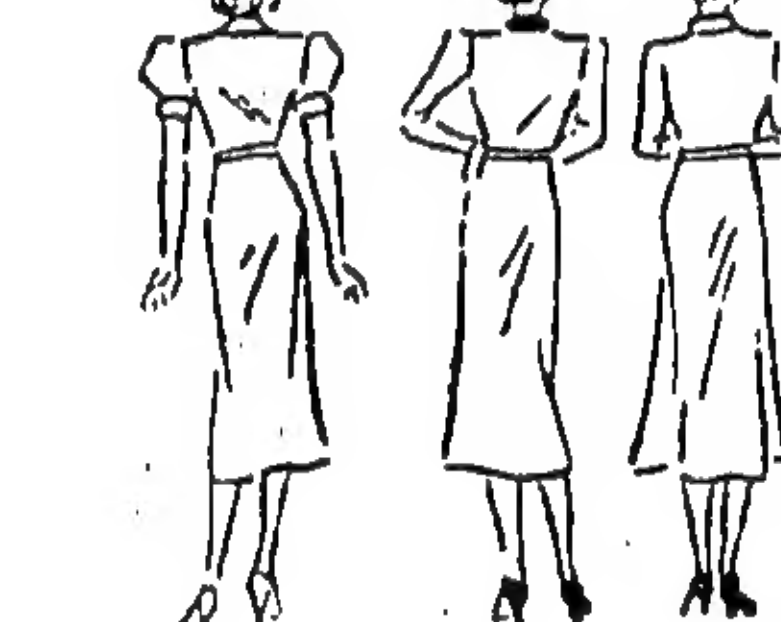
FASHION NOTES

Velvet chenille is often used for evening gowns. There is also a pale turquoise lame made from thread which lends itself to almost any style of stitch, and there is a copper evening model which is in metal thread.

Generally speaking, the favourite trimmings are flowers which the dress-makers are placing everywhere. For the evening we see them at the belt, the waist, at the back, on the shoulders, in garlands as sashes, or in necklaces, on gloves, and in the hair.

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How Young Do You Feel?

WHEN you hear your masculine acquaintances discussing the ageing legs of some boxer or footballer, has it ever occurred to you that the old sporting adage about an athlete being no younger than his legs applies with equal force to every woman—whether she indulges in any kind of sport or not?

If only more women realised this fact and took the trouble to act upon it, there would be fewer prematurely ageing wives in the world, and more happy marriages, too. For legs and feet play so important a role in everyone's life that, neglected, they are often the real source of much of the unhappiness and misunderstanding to be found in so many homes to-day.

Encroaching Carelessness

On marriage, this girl finds herself with a little home of her own. She has now no competition to face, and how her feet and ankles look in the privacy of that home does not seem to her to matter. Her job no longer depends upon her appearance, and she certainly neglects what will be her feet. Yet in doing this housework she is probably upon her feet more than she realises, and is placing additional strain on her legs.

Not only does she use her feet and legs more than she did before her marriage, but, in the natural course of things, she sooner or later begins to put on weight, probably an average of from ten to twenty pounds. That increase is additional weight

which her feet and legs must carry about.

Most disastrous of all is the all-too-common "economy" regarding house shoes. Many women cannot see why they should not wear out old shoes no longer presentable enough for the street or evening wear.

Such "sloppy" footwear, while it may give the wearer a false sense of comfort, is bound to cause incalculable harm. For shoes which have lost their shape offer no support to the feet, and when they have become overrun at the heels they throw considerable strain upon the muscles of both feet and legs.

Mental Strain

But the damage does not end there. It is an established physiological fact that tension in muscles or strain upon any part of the body produces nerve strain and irritability.

Though the housewife may smarten herself up for her husband when her day's work is done, and puts on a good pair of shoes in which to greet him, she forgets that she cannot freshen up her brain that has suffered all day on account of the muscular strain on her feet and legs. No amount of time spent before her mirror will avail to perk up her frayed nerves.

In spite of herself, she is irritable; the most trivial misunderstanding is magnified into a heated argument. She nags her puzzled husband, probably without realising that she is doing it, and he, being himself tired after his day's work, is in no mood to make allowances.

It is therefore well worth while to go to the very little trouble which is all that is necessary to keep your feet and legs as young as they really are. A few simple but regular exercises, and the paying of at least as much attention to the shoes a woman wears about her home as to those she wears when dining out will prevent domestic discord.

For the axiom that an athlete is only as good as his feet and legs also goes for the housewife, the typist, and every woman. C. C.

Grape Fruit And
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MOST grape-fruit recipes sound very complicated, and involve a good deal of work, but here is a very simple one well worth trying:—

Take two grape-fruits, two oranges, and four lemons. Scrub well; cut in two and squeeze out the juice. Any pulp or pips tie in a piece of muslin.

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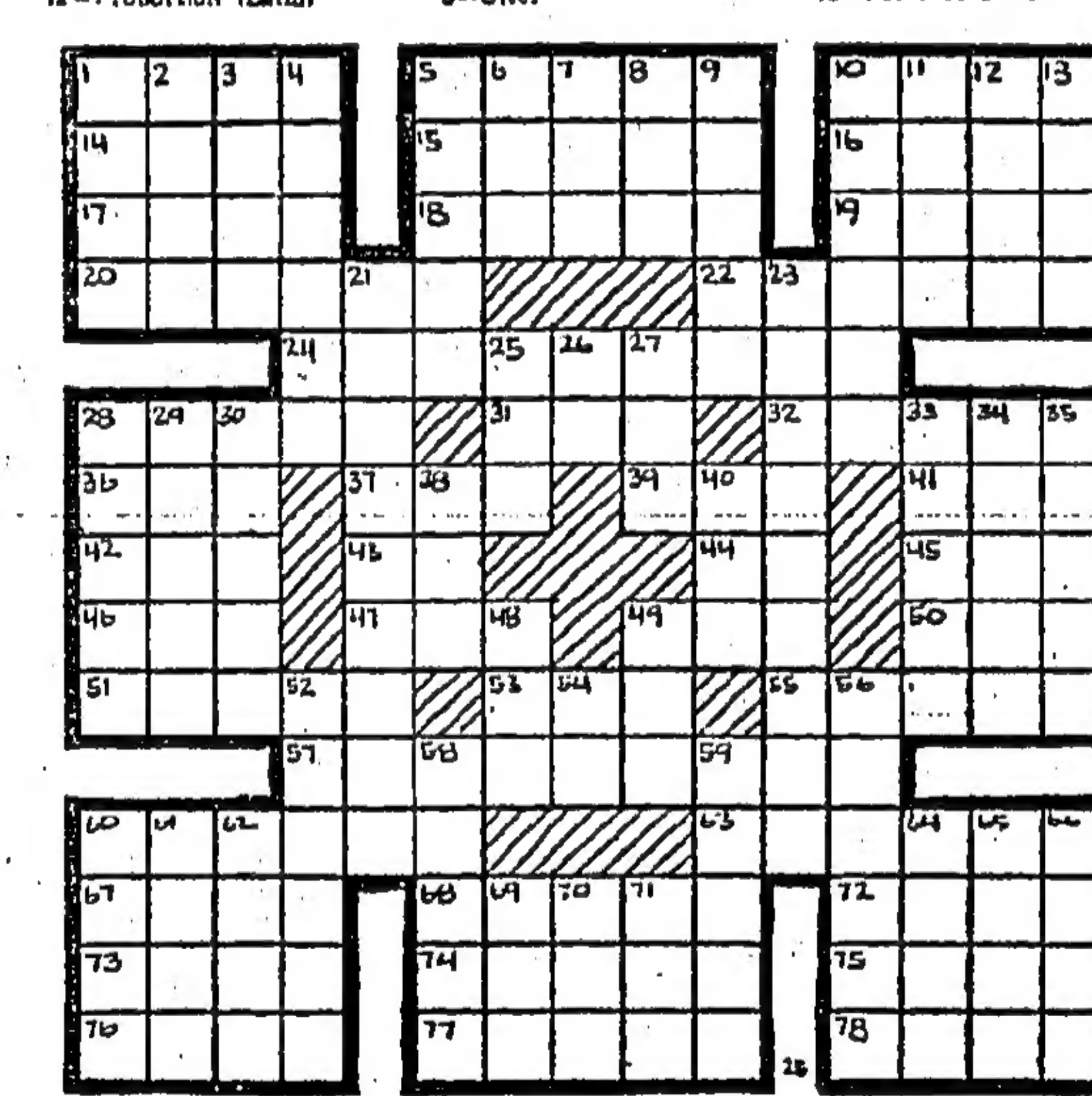
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

 ACROSS
 1—Club
 2—(Musical) star
 3—Cousin
 4—Violently insane
 5—Home
 6—Man's name
 7—Hiring
 8—Joke along after
 9—Lastings
 10—Husband (French)
 11—Went
 12—Went by water
 13—Recovered
 14—Explosion
 15—Foreign water
 16—Vaccine
 17—Petroleum
 18—Town in Germany
 19—Night before
 20—Girl's name
 21—Joke chief
 22—Concerning
 23—King of Hawaii
 24—Madam (Latin)
 25—Unit
 26—Feeds: new
 27—Literary collection
 28—Fence
 29—River in France
 30—Crown
 31—Middle Westerner
 32—Outer system
 33—Literally
 34—Door
 35—Massed publication
 36—Wishes
 37—Inquire
 38—Proportion (Latin)
 39—Seed holder
 40—Carpenter
 41—Pen-name of (American) Craig
 42—Child
 43—Death
 44—Egg-shaped
 45—Female horse
 46—Gifts same
 47—Those who come back
 48—Strike with level
 49—Energy (slang)
 50—From (slang)
 51—Part of palate
 52—Stomach wrapper
 53—Confederate general
 54—German title
 55—South American job
 56—Arabian name
 57—Loop
 58—One
 59—Egyptian god
 60—Furniture
 61—Noughts
 62—Pleasant
 63—Word of mouth
 64—Noise in chest
 65—Famous (Latin) nail
 66—English school
 67—Normal race
 68—Persian ruler
 69—Owl
 70—Point of compass
 71—Exchange
 72—Rhino (slang)
 73—Fence
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past the grandstand in a last challenge to Rose Elect, but was unable to make up the necessary leeway.

Inse Elect won by several lengths, and equal distance separating Navy-light from Eve of Harvest.

DAILY DOUBLE

Almost a quarter of the backers in the daily double succeeded in correctly choosing Lucky Lad and Wild Life as the two winners, the pool of \$8,000 being divided among 430 successful ticket-holders, each of whom received \$18.60.

The total number of tickets sold was 1,834, of which number 887 coupled Lucky Lad, the winner of the Melbourne Cup, with various ponies in the second leg, the Chatter Cup. Of these 887, exactly half chose Wild Life, the expected home after wrestling the lead in the last hundred yards.

RECORD CROWD

The Record Derby was run this afternoon in cloudy weather before an attendance that was a record for Derby Day.

Mr. Eric Muller's Navylight went out to the starting post the favourite. Contrary to expectations Rose Elect did not start a firm favourite, being displaced not only by the Shanghai pony but also by Eve of Harvest and Lillibur.

The second day of the meeting opened before a moderate crowd, which quickly swelled to thousands after the fifth adjournment.

JOCKEY INJURED

The first race, the Mongolian Stakes, was marred by an accident which necessitated the removal of one of the jockeys, G. W. Sewell, to hospital in an ambulance.

Mr. Sewell was riding his own entry, Geordie, in the event, and was heavily thrown just after the starting post.

Mr. Sewell was a novice jockey, and needed only one more win to qualify for promotion.

Contrary to expectations yesterday, sale of tickets in the mammoth Derby sweep did not reach 600,000. When it was announced this morning that the sale of tickets was a mild rush to obtain numbers, and the ticket-sellers were kept busy right up to the closing time. To cope with the rush ticket windows were kept open until 2.40 p.m., the last ticket sold being 564,000.

Immediately after the close the half-million chances went into the barrel for the lucky draw.

The barrel was surrounded by an enormous crowd, which listened breathlessly to the numbers being drawn.

FRENZIED BUYING

There was a frenzied last-minute rush to buy tickets in the \$230,000 gamble during the after-noon period. Hundreds of people swarmed around the counters where the tickets were being sold, waving their money and attempting to buy their chances before sales stopped at 2.30 p.m.

There has seldom been such a huge crowd of "non-paying" spectators at Hongkong races.

The first inside the race-track is a mass of humanity, thousands of Chinese following the fortunes of their favourites with avid interest.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote arrived at noon. Also among the spectators were the Commander-in-Chief and the General Officer Commanding.

MONGOLIAN STAKES (1ST RACE)

Winner \$1,000; Second \$400; Third \$250. For China Ponies. Subscription Griffins of this Meeting. About Half Mile 170 yards.

Anharry's MARKSMAN 152 lb. (T. L. Wong) 1
H. Leigh's GUINNESS TIME 152 lb. (J. Pote-hunt) 2
Mrs. B. Hall's MAGOO 152 lb. (W. V. Needa) 3

Won by length and half; two lengths.
Time—1:09.4.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$6.00 Places 0: \$30.90; \$9.00.

PERTH PLATE (2ND RACE)

First Section. Winner \$1,000; Second \$400; Third \$250. For Australian Ponies. Griffins of this Meeting. One Mile.

Cire's CANDELIGHT 152 lb. (J. Pote-hunt) 1

Chay Bros.' TRIUMPHANT DAY 155 lb. (B. L. Tao) 2
Dynasty's KING'S HERALD 152 lb. (W. V. Needa) 3
Time—1:50.1.
Part-mutuel—Winners \$94.70 Places \$15.80; \$8.50; \$15.10.

Mrs. E. Tong-sen's Chiltern, which was fancied for this event, proved frisky at the barrier, and played up to such an extent that it got away to a bad start, but was soon displaced by Sydney Lad. The bay could not hold its lead, however, and was displaced by the Shanghai entry in the straight. Candlelight cantering home an easy winner. The time was six seconds outside the record.

Winner Cup and \$1,000; Second \$400; Third \$250. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. About Half Mile 170 yards.

Time—1:50.1.
L. P. Chin's CONQUERING TIME 152 lb. (J. Pote-hunt) 1
Eve's EVE OF HEAVEN 151 lb. (H. L. Tao) 2
V. M. Grayburn's AVON 151 lb. (H. L. Tao) 3

Won by two lengths; the same.
Time—1:50.1.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$8.30 Places \$3.70; \$2.80; \$7.50.

Conquering Time overtook Eve of Heaven as the ponies came into the straight and flashed past the winning post, leaving the second pony, with a gap of an equal distance separating second and third. The unplaced ponies were hunched behind the leaders, with Tigress, who was left at the post, a bad last. There were 30 scratches in this event, only nine ponies starting.

Victoria Stakes (4th Race)
Winner \$1,000; Second \$300; Third \$200. For China Ponies. One Mile.

Fu Tong-sen's DESERT CHIEF 151 lb. (V. V. Needa) 1
Dynasty's KING'S WARDEN 151 lb. (V. V. Needa) 2
Mrs. Dunbar's BEAR CLAW 151 lb. (D. Black) 3

Three starters.
Won by three lengths; two lengths.
Time—1:50.1.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$54.00 Places \$5.30; \$4.40; \$10.70.

Nine entries scratched, leaving only three ponies to face the barrier. Mr. Fu Tong-sen's entry went out a firm favourite and quickly justified his backers by taking a strong lead, followed by King's Warden and Bear Claw in that order.

Although Needa urged his mount on, he was unable to do more than reduce Desert Chief's lead, the latter rounding home three lengths ahead. The time was only one-fifth of a second outside the course record for the mile, set by Diana Day.

Garrison Cup (5th Race)
Winner Cup and \$750; Second \$400; Third \$200. For China Ponies. Subscription Griffins of any season.

One Mile.
Eu Tong-sen's ROSE EVELYN 155 lb. (C. Encarnacao) 1
Why's HISTRIE 154 lb. (H. P. Chanson) 2
Wong Sui-nan's SALVAGE MASTER 154 lb. (B. L. Tao) 3

Won by 4 lengths; 2 lengths.
Time—2:01.4.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$7.50 Places \$5.40; \$4.50; \$7.00.

Exchange Plate (6th Race)
Winner \$1,000; Second \$400; Third \$250. For China Ponies. Subscription Griffins of this Meeting. About One Mile 171 yards.

SLICK'S CELTIC STAR 152 lb. (L. Wong) 1
Henry's MUSKETEE 152 lb. (S. C. Liang) 2
Hollandia's ORANGE HOVEN 152 lb. (C. Encarnacao) 3

25 starters.
Won by short head; two lengths.
Time—2:12.3.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$47. Places \$9.20; \$8.30; \$7.50.

The took the lead as the twenty-five starters passed the grandstand on the first time round, with the favourite, Musketeer, in the straight. Musketeer took the lead as the ponies passed the judge's box and retained it around the course until the straight, when he was overtaken by Celtic Star on the home run. About thirty yards from the finishing post Celtic Star came up with a terrific rush and the chestnut and bay ponies raced neck and neck past the judge's box, their jockeys' whips playing vigorously to gain an extra ounce of power. Celtic Star forging ahead right on the post.

Melbourne Cup (7th Race)
Winner \$1,000; Second \$300; Third \$200. For Australian Ponies of any season. One and a Quarter Miles.

Lucky's LUCKY LAD 154 lb. (W. V. Needa) 1
Mrs. J. H. Tangari's LANCASHIRE 154 lb. (D. Black) 2
Falcon's ADLE AMAZON 154 lb. (S. W. Pan) 3

Eight starters.
Won by a neck; three lengths.
Time—2:14.3.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$10.20 Places \$5.50; \$5.60; \$6.40.

Chatter Cup (8th Race)
Winner Cup and \$1,000; Second \$300; Third \$200. For China Ponies. One and a Quarter Miles.

L. Dunbar's WILD LIFE 145 lb. (W. V. Needa) 1
Eu Tong-sen's ROB ROY 152 lb. (C. Encarnacao) 2
Kong Bros.' NEW STAR 152 lb. (F. Marshall) 3

Ten starters.
Won by half length; a length.
Time—2:22.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$9.00 Places \$3.50; \$2.30; \$3.70.

Wild Life, which started a heavy favourite, almost disappointed its backers as it remained in the rut with the remainder of the field several lengths behind.

Cash Sweep Results

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RACE 6
No. 1154 \$2,280.00
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Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2309, 1114, 2929, 2602, 4288, 2147, 619, 1037, 2180, 2262, 2483, 4017, 2020, 154, 3437, 2183, 5393, 4332, 2700, 3200, 3591.

RACE 7
No. 960 \$3,043.00
No. 721 609.00
No. 2818 434.80

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 6430, 3800, 3411, 144, 3373.

RACE 9
No. 2510 \$3,319.40
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No. 5942 547.20

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1876, 660, 497, 4530, 2475, 2159, 1453.

RACE 10
No. 1088 \$3,477.00
No. 5738 1,129.00

RACE 11
No. 4603 \$3,181.50
No. 5000 609.00
No. 2030 454.50

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 702, 963, 4399, 2204, 352, 57.

LATE NEWS

Vatican Broadcast

"Reuter" announces that the Vatican short-wave station, which commenced broadcasts several languages Wednesday, giving progress of the day. Several languages will be used in two daily broadcasts to each language.

H.K. Bombing

London, Feb. 27. Diplomatic Correspondent of "Daily Telegraph" learns that the British Government is satisfied with the form and implications of the apologies and undertakings given by the Japanese concerning the bombing of British territory in Hongkong.

hind the leaders, Rob Roy and New Star went up to the grandstand. P. Y. T. Wei then succeeded in pulling his mount out of the rack and in a great challenge in the last hundred yards flashed up to the leaders, to wrest victory from Rob Roy by half a length, with New Star a short distance away third. The grey pony and its jockey had a remarkable ovation when they were led into the weighing-in room.

Challenge Cup (10th Race)
Winner \$750 and 70 per cent; Second \$300 and 20 per cent; Third \$200 and 10 per cent. One and Three Quarter Miles.

Cire's SILKYLIGHT 151 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 1
Mrs. Dunbar's RED FEATHER 151 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 2

Two starters.
Won by many lengths.
Time—3:40.3.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$5.10 Places \$5.10.

With only two starters there was little interest in the race, which was easily won by the Shanghai gelding without serious competition from Red Feather. Silkylight cantered home many lengths ahead in time that was eight seconds outside the record.

Black Rock Stakes (11th Race)
Winner \$1,000; Second \$400; Third \$250. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. One Mile.

Mrs. Pearce's HYNDFORD BRIDGE 152 lb. (V. V. Needa) 1
C. B. Brown's JENNIFER 151 lb. (D. Black) 2
L.B.'s GALAXY 155 lb. (L. B. Chan) 3

Nine starters.
Won by length and half; length and half.
Time—1:37.1.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$7.20 Places \$3.20; \$7.00; \$10.20.

Perth Plate (12th Race)
Second Section. Winner \$1,000; Second \$400; Third \$250. For Australian Ponies. Griffins of this Meeting. One Mile.

Lady Northcote's DEVONIAN 155 lb. (H. J. A. Herne) 1
Lan's RIVULIT 152 lb. (H. C. Pih) 2
Setti's LAFFAT THAT 152 lb. (W. H. B. Dan) 3

Won by one and a half; one and a half.
Time—1:49.2.
Part-mutuel—Winner \$18.30 Places \$6.10; \$4.30; \$5.50.

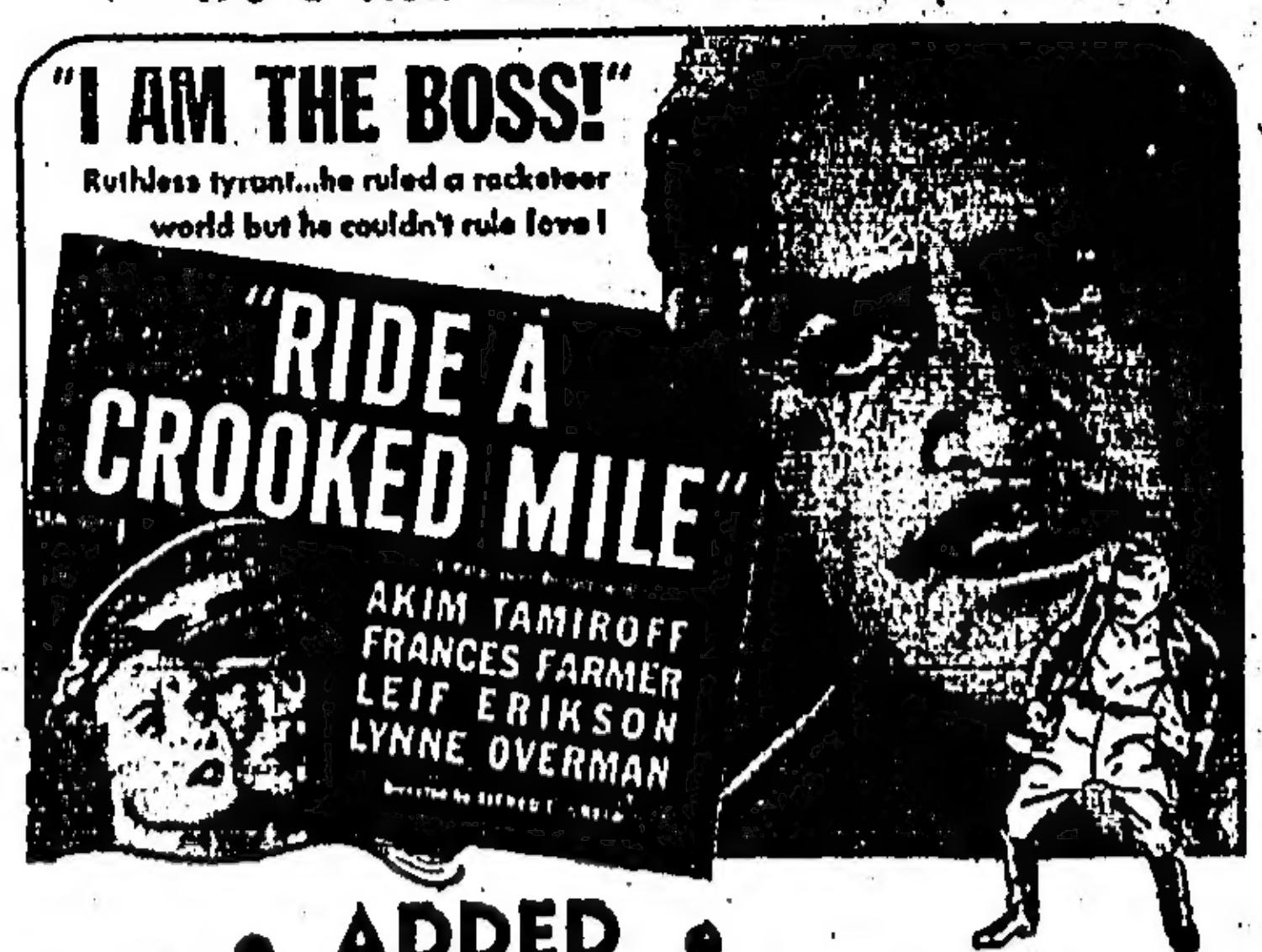
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